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		1843.	
		7.th June	Encloses draft of the Presidents letter to the Emperor of China.
	1	5.th Augt.	Embarks in the "Missouri" for Egypt.- Departure from Norfolk.
	2	19.th .	Arrival at Fayal.- Account of the Azores or Western Islands. Charles W. Dabney, Consul of the U. S. for the Azores.- Action of privateer Gen.l Armstrong, &c.
	3	30.th .	Arrival at Gibraltar.- Destruction of the "Missouri".- Proffer of a ship to Alexandria.- Passage to Alexandria.- Passes the entrepy.- Despatches by Lieutenant Winslow.
	4	31.st .	Lieutenant Winslow as bearer of despatches.
Private	5	3.d Sept.r	Respecting duplicate copy of his No. 3.
	5	7.th Sept.r	Submits observations concerning the military, political, and mercial relations of the City and fortress of Gibraltar.
	6	8.th Sept.r	Embarkation for Alexandria.- Courtesies of the British authorities.
	7	12.th .	Arrival in Malta.- German Commission to China.- French embassy to China.- Suggestion as to the Pacific squadron going to China.- Objections of the French Prof. to using the British ship.- Objections not well founded.- A system needed by the U. S. with regard to the transmission of despatches to China.
	8	13.th .	Pays his respects to the Governor of Malta and to Vice Admiral Sir Edward Owen.- Rev. Mr. Brett, and Sir Stuart Mackenzie's interference in his behalf.
	9	23.d .	His arrival at Alexandria.- Ratification of treaty between England and China.
	10	25.th .	Remarks on the political condition and relations of the Maltese Islands.
	12	4.th Oct.r	Examines the question whether the commerce between Europe and the East Indies can be made to return, in any degree, to the old channels.
Private	12	12.th .	His passage.- Makes some observations with regard to his despatches and those sent and intended for him.
	14	9.th .	Supplementary.- New channel of commercial intercourse between India and Europe (a canal)
		10.th .	Negotiations for transit of goods through Egypt.
	15	14.th .	Arrival at Aden.

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22. Feby.	16	22. Nov.r	Arrival at Bombay, &c.
. .	17	27.th .	Has given Lieut. Chauncey a passport as bearer of his patches, who is not to claim any compensation in that capacity from the Govt. for his time or expenses.
25.th March	11	3. Dec.r	Condition of Egypt under its present Viceroy, Mohammed Ali.
Key	39	13.th 1843 Nov.r	Encloses translation of Governor Chinʼs reply to Mr. Forbes' communication informing His Ex.cellency of the arrival of the American Legation in China, together with a transcript of a letter which was written by Mr. Cushing to Mr. Forbes, in order to preclude the possibility of any misconception on the part of the Chinese Government as to certain powers and duties of Mr. Forbes.
"	19	28.th Nov.r	Statistical tables on Egypt.
"	20	29.th .	Account of Aden.
"	21	30.th .	Relations of the U. S. with the Barbary States.
"	22	1.st Decr.	The Arabs, &c.
"	23	3.d "	On the coexistence of different races in the countries of the East.
"	24	6.th .	Subject of the Anglo Indian Mails.
"	25	7.th .	Deportment of British officers in Bombay.
"	26	20.th .	Deportment of British officers in Bombay.
"	27	5.th 1844 Feby	Possibility of questions to be addressed by the Chinese to the officers of the Brandywine. — Consideration thereof. General order by Com.r Parker.
"	28	19.th .	British and American Embassies in China.
"	29	20.th .	Account of Bombay.
"	30	21.st .	Account of Ceylon.
"	31	26.th .	Arrival in Macao roads, &c.
"	32	28.th .	Landing at Macao, &c. &c.

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30.th May	33	2.d March	Conference with Mr. Forbes, the Consul at Canton
" "	34	4.th "	Information invited from American merchants.
" "	35	5.th "	Letter to the Governor of Quang=Tun and Quang=Si.
" "	36	8.th "	Correspondence with Mr. Everett.
" "	37	9.th "	Correspondence with Sir Henry Pottinger.
" "	38	10.th "	Chinese Copy of letter to Governor of Quangtun
" "	39	19th "	Answer thereto in relation to Cushing's visit to Peking.
1.st Sept.	40	14.th Mar.	The Brandywine at Manila
	40 1/2	14 2nd "	16 to Mar. 23 Inclt. (See below)
22.d "	45	26.th "	Circumstances attending the delivery of his communication to the Governor General of the two Kwang Provinces and the Governor's reply to that communication.
" "	46	28.th "	Communicates copy of a communication from the Governor General and Mr. C.'s reply to it.
21.st "	47	9.th April	Account of sundry dispatches transmitted.
10.th Sept.r	41	16.th March.	Correspondence with American merchants.
"	42	17.th "	Brief account of the United States.
"	43	22.d "	Language of diplomacy in China. — The Chinese. — Superior advantages of the Manchu.
" "	44	23.d "	Delivery of letters to Ching. — Correspondence of Consul with Ching, as to the arrival of the Legation.
" "	48	10.th Apl.	Continuation of correspondence with Ching.
" "	49	11.th "	Memoir on the United States.
" "	50	13.th "	Visit of the Brandywine to Canton.
14.th "	54	20.th "	Documents communicated by Sir Henry Pottinger.
23 Oct.r	51.	15 "	Correspondence with Ching relative to Chinese Treaties with England and Portugal.
" "	52.	16 "	Continuation of correspondence with Ching.
"	53.	18 "	Transmits copies of diplomatic documents — Complete copy of Treaty of Kiangnan — Abstract of same published by Sir Henry Pottinger — the articles subsequently published by Sir H. P — Supplementary treaty as published by Sir Henry — Portuguese abstract of the late articles of

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	53.	(continued)	– convention – Chinese complete copy of the old Portuguese articles, (translation) – Portuguese abstract of the same articles – Two Russian treaties with China –
23 Oct.	55.	22 april.	Correspondence with Ching relative to the "Brandywine's" visit to Whampoa.
"	56.	24 "	Continuation of correspondence with Ching.
"	57.	10 May	do do do.
"	58.	11 "	Information to the Chinese Government of the increase of the American Squadron.
"	59.	15 "	Copies of additional correspondence with Ching – appointment of Keying as Commissioner to treat with the U. States, &c. – Unwillingness of the Court to receive the U. S. Legation at Peking.
6 Dec?	60.	"	Transmits duplicate copy of correspondence with Ching to date
"	61.	21 "	Recent concessions to the Portuguese of Macao, approved by the Emp
"	62.	25 "	Riot at Canton on account of the American flag staff.
22 Oct?	63.	27 "	Unwillingness of the Imperial Government to receive the U. St Legation at Peking – the appointment of Keying to negotiate with the U. States – Letter from Keying – advantages of treating at Canton instead of at the north – will accordingly remain at Macao – Expected arrival of Keying – protracted voyage of the "St Lou Receipt of Nº 6.
6 Dec?	64.	28th "	Letter from Ching.
22 Oct?	65.	12 June.	Keyings actual arrival at Canton, & expected arrival at Macao on the 4 arrival of the "St Louis" and the "Perry" – Midshipman Harrison death, &c.
"	66.	13 "	Copy of correspondence with Keying – His Counsellors and Suite.
6 Dec?	67.	14 "	Military escort supplied by Governor of Macao to attend the body of Midshipman Harrison to the grave.
"	68.	15 "	Enclosing duplicate of his Nº 66, and the Chinese copies thereto referred to
"	70.	5 July.	Receipt of notice of Mr. Nelson's appointment as Secretary of State, in Mr Upshur's place.

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1844		1844.	
Jan 7 '45.	69.	4 July.	Signature of Treaty of Commerce &c. with China – Circular to American Ch^s
"	71.	5th "	Transmits copy of the treaty of Wang Hia of 3^d July, 1844 – Remarks on the Treaty.
"	Private	18th "	Relative to transmission of previous despatches and copies of Treaty.
6 Dec^r '44	72.	8th July.	Narrative of the negotiations of the treaty of Wong.kha.
"	73.	9 "	Transmits correspondence with Tsiyeng at Wang.hia – Remarks on the correspondence. (Forms of negotiating – Sherry's Case – Consul Sun. imprisonment &c – project of treaty – Visit to Pekin waived – delivery of Letter for the Emperor.)
"	74.	10 "	Sends copies of semi official correspondence with Tsiyeng
"	75.	13 "	Manner of conducting correspondence between the American and Chinese Governments.
"	76.	15 "	Reasons for not proceeding to Pekin.
"	Private.	16 "	Copy of letter to Tsiyeng and reply.
"	77.	19 "	Encloses letter of Imperial Commissioner communicating his full powers and reply to same.
"	78.	24 "	Further correspondence relative to the death of Shue Amun – Necessity of some legislative provision for the government of Americans in China.
	79	30 "	Refers to copies of the 69 previously sent – Treaty will be transmitted as soon possible.
1st Dec.	80.	31 "	Transmits two letters relating to the Tariff annexed to the Treaty.
"	81.	2d Augt	Accompanying the Treaty of Wang Hia.
Jany 1845	82.	3d Augt.	Correspondence respecting contemplated visit to northern ports
" "	83	14 "	Do. relative to establishment formed by Messrs. Eman Fraser on the coast of China opposite to Hong Kong.
" "	84.	15 "	Regulations for Factories at Canton.
" "	85.	16 "	The French Embassy – its arrival, composition, objects, &c.

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1845.		1844.	
2 Jan.y	86.	19th Augt.	Exchange of ratifications of the treaty with China — when to take To go into effect when ratified by the Emperor, &c. — Discrepancies between the British and Chinese versions of their supplementary treaty — precautionary steps taken to guard against interpolations in the treaty of Wang Hiya. from
"	87.	"	" Exactions from the Hong Merchants by the Chinese Gov.t
"	89.	23d.	" Correspondence relative to Mr. Joseph Moses' claim against the Chinese Government. (Goods stolen)
"	90.	"	" Mode of transmitting letters to and from the acting Governor.
"	Private	24	" Transmits copies of unofficial letters which have passed between Tsiyeng and Mr. Cushing since the conclusion of the treaty.
"	91.	"	" Close of the business of the mission — proposed visit to Pekin — His return home — Mr. J. Webster's return — Archives, &c. in his charge Letters to the Imperial Commissioner — Permanent U.S. minister in China —
"	92.	"	" Correspondence with the Governor of Macao.
"	93.	26	" The four ports not opened to the United States by England.
"	94.	27	" Foreign Agents at Macao — their names and functions
"	95.	"	" Departure from Macao — Conduct of the Portuguese authorities
"	96.	30	" Touched at Hong Kong on the 28th inst.
21	97.	29 Sept.r	" Remarks on the stipulations in the treaty of Wang Hiya conferring the privilege of exterritoriality on citizens of the United States in China.
22	98.	1 Oct.r	" Expediency of a U.S. Minister in China.
21	99.	4 1845. Jan.y	" Notifies his arrival with a duplicate original of the treaty with China
"	J. Webster.	26 Sept. '44.	" Sends translations of recent letters from the Chinese Commissioner Ratification by the Emperor of the Treaty of Wang Hiya — it will probably be put into immediate operation &c.

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1845. Feb.	100.	17 1845 Jan.	Acknowledgments to officers of the Navy connected with the mission.
Jan.	6 via Paris	16 Sept. 44.	Death of Consul Baldwin at Macao – Will endeavor to find a suitable person to take charge of the Consulate at Hong Kong – the Treaty confirmed – Has placed a copy of it with the U.S. Consul at Canton. 2
"	J. Webster.	4 Sept. "	M. Cushing's departure – Sends translations of Letters from the Imperial Commissioner – The French mission has opened a correspondence with the Chinese Commissioner.
Feb.	101.	25 Jan. 45.	Personnel of the Legation.
March.		28 Feb. "	Questions left open in China – Services rendered by Commodore Kearney.
"		17. " March	Relative to a recent publication in the Hong-Kong newspaper, called the "Friend of China" and copied into the newspapers of the U.S. purporting to be a translation of the report of the Imperial Commissioner on the subject of the Treaty – which publication contained expressions injurious to Mr. Cushing, not incompatible with respectful and friendly feelings towards the Govt. of the U.S.
"		20. "	Relative to the best disposition to be made of the funds appropriated for the compensation of the Commissioner resident in China, and his Secretary.
"		22. "	Submitting a Memoir on the Mexican Republic.
"	Asst. J. Webster	18. April	Disposition made of the archives of the Legation.
June		21. June	Encloses communication addressed to him by the Chinese Imperial Commissioner, which is accompanied by a letter from the Emperor.
Sept.	M. Cushing	29 Sept.	Requests permission to make public use of the recent treaty between the United States and China.

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1845. 5. May	1	1845. 21st April	Receipt of despatches Numbered 1, 2, and 3, with their enclosures. Learns from his instructions that he is to take passage for China in the "Columbus"; and will accordingly prepare himself to embark in her whenever the Squadron shall be ready for sea, &c.
.	2	28th .	Left Washington on the 22d inst., remained in Philadt. a day, and reached N. York on the 25th. - Has visited the "Columbus" since his arrival. Her preparations for sailing. Proceeds to-morrow to Massachusetts to join his family, &c. &c.
1st June	3	31st May.	Receipt of despatch No. 4 together with the box referred to in it, containing a copy of the account of the Exploring Expedition. Will probably go to sea on the 1st of June.
19th Sept.	4	9th Augt.	Announces his arrival at Rio de Janeiro. - The voyage - State of his health, though bad, will not, as at one time it was thought it would, prevent him from prosecuting his voyage to China. The sailing of the "Brandywine" for the U. S., &c.
15 Oct.	5.	28 Sept. / 1 Oct.	Refers to previous despatch - Has concluded to return on account of his want of health - Lands Surgeon Tickner's opinion in relation to it - Has no wish to resign his commission - Has entrusted Commodore Biddle with the temporary discharge of the duties of Commissioner, &c. Regrets the interruption of his voyage, &c. - Endorses Com. B.'s power.
" "	6.	11 Oct.	Arrived at New York on the 1st inst. - health unimproved - Has placed himself under the care of his family physician at Boston - Is unable to visit Washington at present - Encloses duplicate of his No. 5.
1846 18 April.	T. Parker	22 Jan. 46.	Receipt of his commission, &c. as Secretary and Interpreter - Conditional acceptance of the trust - remarks - Suggests the expediency of sending out some proper persons to acquire a knowledge of the Chinese language

1846 April	1.	1845. 31 Decem.		Commodore James Biddle.
"		✓		Ratifications of treaty with China exchanged 31 December. Correspondence relative thereto transmitted – Certificate of exchange enclosed.
	2.	8 Jan.y	1846.	Forwards Imperial ratification of treaty with China, in care of John D. Sword, Esq.r – Interview sought by Pun Ting kwa (by direction of the Governor General) to ask advice respecting existing difficulties with Sir John Davis, H.B.M.s Envoy, &c. – Policy of admitting Foreign Ministers at Pekin – and of introducing a knowledge of European military tactics into China Dispute with British authorities regarding the free access of foreigners into Canton – Correspondence with Governor General transmitted.
22 "	3.	28	"	Transmits translations of proclamations of the Governor General relative to opening the gates of Canton to foreigners – consequent Excitement consequent thereon – Steps taken for the protection of American citizens and British subjects – Last instalment of British treaty debt, paid on the 23.d Jan.y
13 May.	5	21 Feb.y	1846.	Correspondence relative to apprehended collisions between the Chinese and foreigners – Refusal of the British to withdraw their troops from Chusan – Payment to Great Britain of the last instalment of indemnification – remarks
"	6.	22	"	Correspondence relative to the case of Samuel Cook, an American seaman charged with stabbing another on board an American ship at sea – Cook sent home, &c. – Public tranquillity restored
6 June.	4.	7	"	Presentation to the Imperial Government of "Narrative of the American Exploring Expedition – Pamphlet laws of Cochin China wanted – Transmits Dr. Parker's acceptance of the appt. of Secretary of Legation, &c. – Contract made by Dr. Bridgman, Parker, and Dale for the rent of a house.

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1846		1846.	
22 June.	7.	28 Feb'y	Commodore James Biddle, U. S. N.
			Complaint preferred by Shing Ho against Samuel Wetmore. correspondence relative thereto transmitted.
26th. July	8	9th. April	Has appointed Henry G. Wolcott acting Consul for Shanghai.— Mr. R. P. Edwards' claim against the Chinese Government. Sends translation of Gov. General's letter to him of the 2d. March, respecting the trial of Shing Ho vs. Wetmore & Co.
"	9	12th. "	Sends copies of letters on various subjects not heretofore transmitted.
"	10	14th. "	Audience to take leave of the Imperial Commissioner. The accrediting of Mr. Everett at Peking, &c. &c. Has incurred an expence of $93 on account of the Dept. of State
"	11	18th. "	Closes his connexion with the affairs of our Legation at Canton on the 15th. instant. Thinks, though he makes no pecuniary claim that the President may deem it proper to allow him the pay of Commissioner, from the date of Mr. Everett's abandonment of his Mission, &c.
1847 4 March		31 July.	His visit to the coast of Japan, &c.
			Peter Parker, Esqr. Acting Chargé d'Affaires.
"	1	24th. " April 20	Commodore Biddle's departure from Canton. In the absence of our Minister, it will be his endeavor to discharge the ordinary functions of the Mission as Chargé d'Affaires. Receipt of despatch No. 6.— Mr. Everett. Topics relating to Treaty, and affecting the interests of our Government. Services rendered in translating and in interpreting for U. S. Consuls and American Merchants.
23 Oct.	3.	18 July.	Riot at Canton on the 8th inst.— proceedings consequent thereon Legislative measures necessary to carry out certain treaty articles
Private.		23 .	Relating to Mr Parker's conduct on the above occasion, &c.

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1846.		1846.	Peter Parker, Esq. Chargé d'affaires ad int.n at Canton.
2.d Nov.	2.	2.d June.	Copy of correspondence with the Imperial Commissioner relative to renting of ground, by American citizens, for building — Rev.d I. J. Roberts disturbed in preaching, &c. — Chusan to be immediately given up by the English — humiliating concession made by the Emperor — Tariff of duties to be paid by our citizens on imports and exports at the five ports (agreeably to treaty) published in the "Chinese Repository" May, &c.
19 "	4.	26 Aug.t	Correspondence transmitted. Assault on the Rev.d D. Bridgman, &c. Renting residence for D.r Ball; Monteé's claim against Messrs. Betmore & Co.s — Riot of 8.th July last — Indemnification to British subjects for losses sustained by a riot at Fa-tshan-fu.
1847. 6.th April	5	30.th Sept.r	Preparation for Mr. Everett's reception. — Renting residence for Dr. Ball. — Correspondence, &c, transmitted. — Opposition to the provisions of the 17.th article of the treaty. Result of the investigation respecting the assault on Dr. Bridgman, not satisfactory.

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1846 24 April.	Circular.	1846 24 April.	Is making arrangements for his departure, &c. Letter for Mr Rice.
17 June	7.	15 June.	Notice of his intention to embark for China on the 20th inst. at New York
19 "	8.	17 "	Wants a dup. Full powers to form a commercial treaty with Japan.
23 "	9.	21 "	Arrival at N. York - to sail on the 22nd - Refers to request for dup. Full pow-
28 Dec.	10.	12 Sept.	Incidents of voyage to Java Head - State of his health
12 Jany. 47.	11.	10 Oct.	Arrival at Macao 5 Oct. - Visit of Consul Forbes and Dr. Parker Official visit to the Governor - Difficulties arising out of the taxation of fast boats, &c. - July visit at Canton - Expected arrival of the "Vincennes."
" "	12.	26 "	Arrival of the "Vincennes" - Despatches from Commodore Biddle Rejection of proposal for opening commercial relations with Japan - Official answer - remarks on its form, &c. Unsuccessful attempted negotiation of the French Admiral Cecile also unsuccessful - Advice given to Captain Paulding relative to the continuance of his cruise - Capt. P. requested to take M. Everett to Canton.
24 Feby.	x 13.	1 Nov.	His arrival at Canton - Consul Forbes' standing and character Reception of M. E. by his countrymen - Difficulties in the way of proceeding to Peking - Interview with the Governor of Canton Delivery of M. E's letter of credence - remarks.
" "	14.	9th "	His return to Macao - Facts relating to intercourse of foreigners with Japan - Admiral Cecile's visit to Nangasaki.
" "	15	13 "	Article of treaty securing liberty to build or hire houses at the five ports - Site claimed for Dr. Bridgman's house - Dr. Ball's house and intervention in behalf of Chin Ming Fu.
" "	16.	23 "	Answers to applications in reference to the cases of Dr. Bridgman and Ball - Chin Ming Fu liberated
16th Apl.	17	30th "	Sends copy and translation of a note addressed to the Imperial Commissioners upon the subject of Dr. Bridgman's case
"	18	13th Decr.	Communicates correspondence with the Imperial Commissioners upon the subject of Dr. Bridgman's case - Remarks

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Am. rec'd.	No.	Date.	Contents.
1847		1847.	
3. April	19	5th Jan'y	Duplicate power to treat with Japan, received.— Mr. Biddle's attempt to open a negotiation with that country, &c.— Transmits further correspondence with the Imperial Commissioner on the subject of the hiring of houses at Canton by citizens of the U. S.— Remarks upon this correspondence.
"	20	8th "	Legal provisions for the trial and punishment of crimes committed by American citizens in China. Suggests the propriety of placing one or more ships of war upon that station. His reasons for the suggestion.
"	21	18th "	Dr. Bridgman's case.
"	22	24th "	Dr. Bridgman's case.
"	23	25th "	Transmits pamphlet copy of the acts of the British Parliament giving jurisdiction to their Consuls in China in certain cases, and establishing a Supreme Court at Hong-Kong.
9th May	24	12th Feb'y	Transmits his account for the two years ending 31st March last.
"	25	" "	Final settlement of Dr. Bridgman's case. 17th article of our treaty with China.
June	26	28th "	Confidential.— Change in the local administration of the Province of Canton— by the disgrace and removal of Wang, the Lieut. Governor.— Some account of Admiral Cecille's late visit to Japan, and his interview with the Chinese authorities pilot after the commencement of the war with England.— Russian Embassy to China— Direct commercial intercourse between G. Britain and China through Siam, &c.— Trial of Wang.— Reasons for marking his despatch "confidential", &c.
"	27	12th ult.	Transmits correspondence with Sir J. F. Davis, the Governor of Hong Kong on the subject of the rights of Consular agents of the U. S. over American citizens in China, together with a copy of a collection of Colonial Ordinances recently published by the Hong Kong Government.

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1847.		1847.	
2. Sept.	28	10. Augt.	Confidential. - Outline of the history of the polit and commercial relations between Russia and Ch Delings of the British Government against Ch and the manner in which these delings mig be defeated.
"	29	12th "	Attack of the British Fleet on Canton, and the res
16th "	30	1st. May	Destruction, by the French Squadron under Capta La Pierre, of five Scoops of war, belonging to the C chin. Chinese Government, in the bay of Turan Sir J. F. Davis about to make commercial arran ments with Cochin. China. - Tranquility of Cap
8th Novr.	31	20th June.	Copy of the new edition of the laws of the U. S. for the Gov of China. - Mr. Roberts' losses. - Mr. Everett's removal to Cant

Peter Parker, Esqre. &c. &c. &c.

21st Octr.		10th July	Death of Mr. Everett.
"	32	23d "	Transmits the continuation of the correspondence of the late Mr. Everett with the Chinese Government to the time of his death, together with other pers relating to that event. - Mr. Roberts' losses. - Hong Kong Consular Ordinances for 1845-6.
"		21st	Confidential. - Expenses attending Mr. Everett's funer
8th Novr.		23d June	Transmits his accounts up to the 1st Jany, 1847, and for ext services. Has succeede in getting a house at Canton.
26th "	33	17th Augt.	Case of Mr. Roberts. Question of indemnification under the treaty
26th "	34	20. Augt.	Receipt of despatches. - Is gratified that his proceedings Chargé have been sustained and commended by the Dep ment. - Books intended for the Legation. - British corr pondence relative to the Riot of the 8th July, 1846. - Sm fling. - Imports and exports of Canton. - Present state of China. - Act of piracy committed near the Foreign Fac tories.

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[1847] Dec.	35.	24th Sept. [1847]	Receipt of two copies of the public Statutes at large of the U.S. Transmits correspondence relative to the Rev. Mr. Roberts, to a claim of Messrs. Nye Perkin, &c. on the Tai-ke Hong, and to the death of the Rev. W. M. Lowrie, with remarks.
"	36.	25th "	Confidential.- Aspect of political affairs in China. Loss of the French ships of war, "La Victorieuse" and "La Gloire".
1848. Jan.	37.	27th Oct.	Transmits further correspondence with the Imperial Commissioner concerning the claim of Messrs. Nye Perkin & Co. together with a communication of Messrs. Metmore & Co. relative to vessels bound from Canton to Shang Hai stopping at Hong Kong to discharge or receive cargo &c.- Sixteenth article of the Treaty. Calls the attention of the Dept. to a passage in Gov. Davis' despatch to Lord Palmerston of the 5th Apl. 1847.
		J. W. D.	
March.	1.	8 March. 1848.	Arrival at Norfolk, Va.- Will sail this afternoon.
31 "	38.	27 Dec. 47.	Transmits correspondence with the Imperial Commissioner - Rev. M. Roberts' case - Laws U.S. recd for Chinese Government - Vols. of Dep. Exposition formerly presented - Report in the case of Rev. W. Lowrie - Prohibition of the firing of evening guns at Shanghai - Nye, Parkin & Co's claim -
" "	39.	28 " "	Murder of six Englishmen by the Chinese.
April.	40.	25 Jan. 48.	State of relations, consequent on the late murders, between the British and Chinese - Plea in behalf of neutral Trade - Protection to American citizens in China - Claim of Nye, Parkin & Co. - Conduct of British Consul at Shanghai.
"	41.	27 " "	Serious aspect of affairs in China - Foreign and domestic remarks.

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1848. 4th May	42	1848. 25th Feb.y	Receipt of letter of 9th Nov.r and of despatch No.1, of 10th Nov.r 1847 – the latter advising him of his appoint.t as Chargé d'Affaires ad interim. Imperial Commissioner Tsi Yeng summoned to Peking, &c. &c. Is engaged in correspondence with the Chinese Government upon the subjects of indemnity for plundered property and the claim of Messrs. Nye, Parkin, &c. – Sends correspondence with the Chinese Govr.t – Loss of the American whale "Lawrence" on the coast of Japan, and captivity of several of her men by the Japanese, &c. &c.
20th June	43	20th March	Extraordinary Release of two Italian Bishops and a Spanish clergyman, arrested by the Chinese Government and brought as prisoners to Canton. Treatment of the Rev.d W. Medhurst D.D., Rev.d Mr. Muirhead, and Dr. Lockhart, all of the London Missionary Society, by the Chinese.
"	44	22d. "	Encloses continuation of correspondence with Chinese Govr. and calls the attention of the Department to two cases one involving the question of the right of indemnity for plundered property, and the other that of Nye, Perkin & the recovery of a just claim for debt. Our treaty with China
"	45	27th. "	Sends copy of several letters of civility which have passed between him and the Imperial Commissioner and his successor, with remarks
"	46	28th. "	Assault upon the Rev.d W. Medhurst, D.D., Rev.d Mr. Muirhead and Dr. Lockhart. – Rencounter between some foreigners American and English, and a gang of Chinese at Whampoa
14th July	47	20th April	Encloses correspondence communicated by Com.r Biddle, relating to difficulties between Mr. Wolcott and the English Consul at Shang Hai
"	48	21st. "	Encloses further correspondence with the Chinese Govt on the subject of the claim of Messrs. Nye Perkin & Co with remarks

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1848		1848	
14th May	49	22d. April	Sends copy of parts of a correspondence, &c., furnished by the acting Consular Agent of the U.S. at Shang Hai, on the subject of the outrage committed by the Chinese in March last, on three British subjects. Remarks.
2d. Sept.r	50	23d. May	Receipt of despatch No 3, on the subject of Mr. Davis' appointment. - Sends copy of a letter from the Imperial Commissioner relative to the late occurrences at Shang Hai, together with a copy of Mr. P.'s last note to His Excellency regarding Messrs Nye Perkin & Co.s claim upon the Tsit Ke Hong. Remonstrance of H. B. M.'s Consul against the "Cassia Monopoly". Political affairs in Europe probably modify the policy of the British Govt. in relation to the Wang Chia Ke tragedy. Arrival of new Spanish Minister.
11th "	51	14th June	Encloses documents and correspondence relative to an error affecting Robert S. De Silver, a citizen of the U.S. resident in Canton. [See next page]

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9th March	1	8th March 1848	Arrival at Norfolk, Va. - Will sail this afternoon.
26th June	2	8th. May	His arrival at Rio de Janeiro. Hopes to reach Canton early in August next. Attentions of Capt. Gedney and his officers.
18th. July	3	26th "	Detention of the "Plymouth" at Rio de Janeiro. - Will sail on the 28th. May for Canton.
21st Nov.r	4	24th. Augt.	His arrival at Canton - Appointment of a U.S. Consul at Macao. - The transmission of newspapers for his legation - Not to appoint Consul at Singapore, Manila, or Batavia. - Judicial powers to Ministers and Consuls in China - State of the country. - Acts of piracy constantly perpetrated on the Southern coast of China. - Propriety of keeping some portion of our naval force there. - The Plymouth undergoing repairs. Expects to be able to give more satisfactory information in relation to our affairs in China by the next mail. - Will endeavor to obtain Chi-

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when rec.d	No.	Date.	Contents.
1848. 11.th Sept.r	52	1848 22.d June	Receipt of despatch No. 2.– Sixth and seventh vols. of the Narrative of the U. S. Exploring Expedition. – Its correspondence of the Legation with the Chinese Gov.t relative to the settlement of the limits allowed citizens of the U. S. at the five free ports, and to the passage from one port to another overland.– Style of the Act.g Governor's notes commented upon.– Validity of Messrs. Frye Parkin & Co.s claim admitted by the Chinese Gov.t.– Cruelty of the Act.g Governor in sends copy of private letter to former Imperial Commissioner, Tse Yeng.
28.th Oct.r	53	17.th July	Sends correspondence growing out of the sale of the "Montauk" at Shanghai.– Late Rev. W. H. Lowrie's case.
"	54	18.th "	Messrs. Wetmore & Co.s complaint relative to an act of injustice sustained by them at the Custom-house in Manila.
"	55	22.d "	Transmits his accounts.– Clerk hire.– Mr. Everett's monument.
1849. 17.th Jan.y	56	22.d Augt.	Sends continuation of the correspondence of the Legation up to the date of his despatch.– Case of Messrs. Wetmore & Co.– Change in the style of his address and of that of the British Consul &c, by the Imperial Commissioner.– Unfinished subjects embraced in the correspondence now sent including the case of Messrs. Wetmore & Co. and that of the late Mr. Roberts, will be pursued on by Mr. Davis.– Receipt of despatch No. 3.

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(4 Continued–) information as may be valuable in relation to the establishment of a line of mail steamers from the Western Coast of America to China.– His reception by the Governor of Macao.– Will take an inventory of the public property in his office, &c.– Mr. Parker.– Has asked an audience for the purpose of presenting his letter of credence to the Imperial Commissioner.

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Ven. Recᵈ	Nº.	Date.	Contents
1848 16th Decr.	5	1848 26th Sept.	Difficulty experienced in obtaining an audience for the purpose of presenting his letter of credence to the Imperial Commissioner.- Receipt of despatch Nº. 5.- Arrival of the U.S. Ship Preble at Macao.- Apprehension and conviction of some of the pirates engaged in the murder of the late Rev. Mr. Lowrie.- Duties on sugar imported into Hong Kong in foreign vessels.- Sends inventory of the public property in his legation.- Southern coast of China visited by a storm which caused great destruction of life and property.- Apprehended failure of crops in China.- Inundation from the breaking of the embankments of the Yellow river.
"	"	"	Encloses paper recommending the appointment of A. P. De Silver Esq.ᵉ to the place of U.S. Consul at Macao. [Sent to Mr. Hill.]
1849 8th Jan.	6	3d Oct.	His Excellency Governor Seu has retracted his imputation relative to Mr. Davis not meeting him at an interview on the 21st. Sept. and has arranged for an audience &c.- Newspapers by merchant ships from England to China.
"	7	20th.	Audience with the Imperial Commissioner.- Business correspondence with Governor Seu sent in a separate despatch.
"	8	27th.	Calls attention to enclosed correspondence relative to the case of the Rev. Mr. Lowrie, the case of the Rev. Mr. Roberts, and the claims of Nye Parkin & Co.- Thinks that no efforts of a belligerent character will be resorted to by G. Britain to compel China to open the gates of Canton on the 1st. Sept. next.- Official intercourse between G. Britain and China.- Difficulties between the American and British Consuls at Shanghai.- Letters for American vessels touching

Despatches &c. — John W. Davis, Esqr., Commissioner to China.

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1849.	8	1848, (Continued)	in China, to be employed in the coasting trade of the country.
15th Feby.	9	24th Nov.	Case of the Revd. Mr. Roberts. — The difficulty between the British and the American Consul at Shanghae. — Continuation of the correspondence in relation to the claim of Messrs. Wetmore & Co. &c. — Official notification of appointment of the new American Consul at Shanghae. Has rec'd. copies of our treaties with Mexico and New Granada. Receipt of despatch No. 2, enclosing act of Congress giving certain judicial powers to Ministers and Consuls in China.
1849. 27th March	10	28th Decr.	Receipt of despatch No. 3, relative to the execution of the act giving judicial powers to Ministers and Consuls in China &c.
1849. 21st April	11	27th Jan.	Organization of Consular Courts in China. — Dr. Parker appointed Chargé d'Affaires ad interim. — Claim of Messrs. Nye Parkin & Co. — Mr. D.'s return to Canton notified to the Imperial Commissioner. — Appointment of a Harbor Master at Hong Kong. — Claim of Messrs. Parkin & Co. — Receipt of vols 7 & 8 of the U. S. Exploring Expedition, together with Congressional documents. — Invitation to the Imperial Commissioner to visit the ship "Plymouth". — Wreck of the American whale ship Sooloo. — Treaty with Japan. — Controversy between Parsee firm and Messrs. Russell & Co. of Canton. — Affairs between England and China. — Formosa Island coal. — Increase of trade between the west coast of the U. S. and China. — Disasters to the shipping on the Chinese coast. — Pirates. — Loss of the ship "Omega" &c. Mr. Pohlman, an Am. Missionary, drowned. — Rev. Mr. Roberts. Dr. Parker. — Sends copy of his account and wishes to know how he can avail himself of the provisions of the 8th Art. of the Chinese treaty &c.

Hon. W. L. Marcy, Secy. of State. — John W. Davis, Esq., Commissioner to China.

When rec'd.	From	No.	Date.	Contents.
1849. 4th May	P. P.		1849. 7th Feb'y.	Notices Consul Forbes' communication to Mr. Davis of the 27th Jan'y, 1849, reflecting on the Conduct of the Rev. Mr. Roberts and himself.
"		12	22d. "	The Imperial Commissioner's visit to the "Plymouth." His presents to the sailors and marines of that vessel.— Interview between the British Plenipotentiary and the Imperial Commissioner. Affairs between England & China. Employment of Chinese laborers and mechanics in California.— The California gold excitement in China. The commerce between China and California.— Receipt of documents &c. for the Legation.— Sends regulation adopted for the government of U.S. Consular Courts in China.— Has made a report on the subject to the President.— Transmits accounts and vouchers.— Newspa
9th June	13		26th March	Receipt of despatch No. 4.— Transmission of printed matter to the U.S. Legation at Canton.— Has taken up his residence at Macao.— Disturbed and excited condition of the Chinese, growing out of an apprehension that the British authorities would force their way into the city of Canton on the 6th Apl. inst.
2d July	Private		2d March	Transmits a Sample of Coal from the Island of Formosa.
"		14	18th Apl.	Opening of the gates of Canton proper to British subjects. Robbery of American merchants residing at Canton.— Sends correspondence relative to the anchorage of the brig "Dolphin" opposite the American factories.— Duties claimed to have been overpaid by Messrs. Watmore & Co. to the customhouse at Manila.
4th Sept.	P. P.		27th March	Requests that the 5th Auditor of the Treasury may be authorized to allow a certain charge for two valuable works on Japan, which was thrown out by him in settling Mr. P.'s a/c for contingent expenses.

Hon. W. Clayton &c. &c. — John W. Davis, Esq.re Commissioner to China.

When rec.d	No.	Date.	Contents.
1849 18th Augt	15	[20th] 1849 21st May	Receipt of despatch No. 5.– Calls attention to correspondence between the French and American Consuls at Shanghai in relation to a grant of land in that city.– Increasing importance of our trade with the British and other provinces in the East, &c.– Every thing quiet in China.– The Formosa coal region.– U. S. ship "Preble" on her return to the sea from Japan, having succeeded in the liberation of the shipwrecked American seamen who were confined at Nangasacki.
8th Sept.r	16	19th June	Receipt of despatch No. 6.– Foreign vessels engaged in the coasting trade of China to pay tonnage duties.– Boarding of the American ship Valparaiso on the coast of China.– Consul Griswold's power to grant the flag of the U. S. to a Boston built ship purchased by an American, &c.– Our passenger Acts.– Congratulatory note to the Imperial Commissioner.– Disturbance growing out of the imprisonment of an English Missionary, Mr. Summers, by the authorities at Macao.– Makes enquiry with regard to the organization of a Consular Court at that place, under the act of 11th Sept., 1848, and wants to know how he is to avail himself of the provisions of the 18th section of that act.
"	P. P.	21st	Funeral expenses of the late Alexander H. Everett, including a monument to his memory.
22d Oct.r	P. P.	21st July	Has been presented with a gold medal in acknowledgment of his interposition in behalf of Italian Bishops and Spanish Missionary, in March 1848 &c.
"	17	21st July	Receipt of despatches, &c. &c.– His additional salary.– Is just recovering from an attack of sickness.– Every thing quiet in China.– The crops.

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1849. 29th Oct.r		1849. 18th Feb.y	Report.- Organization of Consular Courts of the United States in China.
18th Nov.r	18	26th Aug.t	Assassination of the Governor of Macao, and disturbances growing out of it.- Arrival of C. W. Brodley, Esq.re appointed Consul of the U.S. for Amoy.- Passenger act of Congress of May 17, 1848.- Consul De Silver.- Packets.- Rooms occupied by Am. citizens at Canton inspected of containing smuggled goods.- Spanish Envoy trying to conclude a treaty with China.- Postage rates at the Hong Kong post office.- Wants stationary sent out for the use of the Legation.
19th Decr.	19	26th Sept.r	Sends certain correspondence growing out of the assassination of the late Governor of Macao.- Grants of land made by the Chinese local officers to the French and English Consuls at Shang Hae.- Piratical depredations committed along the southern coast of China, &c.- The propriety of having a small armed steamer for the protection of our citizens and their property in that quarter.
1850. 2d Jan.y 17.	20	26th Oct.r	Despatch No. 8 and 8th vol. of the U.S. Exploring Expedition.- Difficulties between the Chinese Authorities and the Portuguese Colonial Government at Macao, growing out of the assassination of Governor Amaral.- The crews of the piratical junks seized by Commodore Geilinger, together with the property found in them, turned over to the Chinese authorities by H. B. M.s Colonial Govt. at Hong Kong.- Grants of land made by the Chinese local officers at Shang Hae, and the Rev. J. B. French's case.- Sends circular issued by the Canton British Chamber of Commerce.- Death of Dr. Brook.- Piratical junks captured or destroyed by the British forces between June and October, 1849.

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1850		1849.	
28.th Feb.y		27.th Nov.r	Asks to be recalled.- The questions that were and
			negotiation between the U.S. and China, when he reached his
			post, have been adjusted, and the few now pending will,
			is hoped, soon be satisfactorily settled.- Organization of
			the Consular Courts.
1.st March	21	26.th	Suggests modification of the passenger act of
			Congress of May 17, 1848.- Grants of land made to
			the Consuls of England and France at Shang Hae.-
			That foreign vessels are admitted into the ports of
			the U.S. on the same terms as American vessels.-
			Abridgment of space heretofore occupied by foreign
			residents at Canton.- Capture of a piratical junk
			by one of the boats belonging to the U.S. Brig
			"Dolphin" and the destruction of 58 junks of the
			same kind by the English forces.- Social and
			commercial intercourse with China.
9.th "	22	10.th Decr.	Charges against the Master and Mate (Waterman and Frazar) of the American ship "Witch."- Manifesto of the Portuguese Colonial Gov.r at Macao, detailing the controversy with the Chinese authorities arising out of the assassination of the late Governor of that province.- Arrival of Mr. Balestier at Canton, on his way to Cochin China.
25.th "	23	27.th "	Refers to his No. 22.- General Forbes' intention to visit the U.S.- Appointment of R. B. Forbes to act as Vice Consul at Canton.- Rev.d Mr. French's difficulties with certain Chinese of whom he had rented property amicably adjusted.- The controversy between China and the Portuguese Colonial Government at Macao

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1850, April	24	1850 29th Jan.y	Receipt of despatch No. 9. relative to British and American navigation laws.– Grants of land at Shang Hae.– Recovery of the head and hand of the late Governor of Macao, &c.
"	P. P.	1849. 29th Decr.	Receipt of letter relative to A. H. Palmer's plan for opening, extending and protecting American commerce in the East.– Has reason to believe that the "Statutes at Large of the U.S." and the copy of the Exploring Expedition intended for the Emperor of China, still remain at Canton.
May	25	1850 25th Feb.y	Grants of Land at Shang Hae.– Inconvenience experienced for want of a proper burial place for American citizens dying at Whampoa.– Murder of two American citizens at the Feegee Islands by the natives.– Sends his accounts.– Death either of the Mother of the Emperor of China, or of the Emperor himself.– Assault made upon the French Consul.
June	26	28th March	Death of the Emperor of China. His successor.– Suggests that this change of rulers may afford an opportunity to western nations to introduce their representatives directly to the Court at Peking, &c. Grants of Land at Shang Hae. Difficulty at the Feegee Islands.– Opening of despatches addressed to the Squadron in China, during the absence of the Commander.– Selection of a place of burial for American citizens.– Formosa Coal.– Pirates.– Is looking for permission to return to the U.S.
July	27	22d April	The purchase of a site for a cemetery for Americans.– Assault made upon Rev.d Mr. Bridgman, an American Missionary, by some lawless Chinese at Canton.– Direct intercourse between the Diplomatic Representatives of foreign Governments and the Emperor of China.– Brig Dolphin the only Am.n vessel of war now on that Station.– Every thing quiet.

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1850.		1850.	
4th Sept.	28	23. May.	Receipt of despatches 10 & 11. – Will leave in a few for the U.S. – Transfer of the archives of the Legn to Dr. Parker. – Expects to reach Washington in Oct. Encloses correspondence with the Portuguese Govt at Macao relative to the conduct of function of the U.S. in Macao and the Chinese Govt, after the murder of Amaral. – Site for a cemetery for Americans. – To the new Emperor of China. His parting despatch to the Imperial Commissioner.
8th Sept.		" "	Encloses two duplicate vouchers &c.
17th Oct.		10th Oct.	U.S. Bearers of despatches travelling by H.B.M.'s Mail Steamers. – P.
1851		1851	Webster's late speeches in pamphlet form.
10th Feb.		1st Feb.	The sum of $ [illegible] in this opinion would be sufficient to pay the ad
		1850	Peter Parker Esq. Charge d'Affaires at
		1st	of the U.S. 5 [illegible] very economically at Canton &c.
"	1	21. June	Transfer of the archives to himself. – Remarks u
			the policy of Portugal towards China and the cau
			of the despatch of H.B.M.'s War Steamer "Reynar
			the mouth of the Peiho. – Stringent measures adopt
			at Peking against the use of Opium. – Illiberal p
			of the new Emperor toward foreigners, &c. – Site for
			cemetery for Americans.
12th "	2	19th July	Establishment of Govt Tea Warehouses, and the levy
			commissions on tea by the old Hong Merchants.
" "	3	22. "	Death of the Govr. of Macao. – Return of the U.S. Ship Plym
			to that place with Mr. Balestier on board &c. – Brig Dol
			about to sail for the U.S. – H.B.M.'s War Steamer "Reynar
			return to Hong Kong. – It reported that the despatch fr
2nd			the Queen of England was received at Peking &c. &c. Receipt o
			marked "Dept. of State" &c but no letter of advice accompan
			Receipt of Washington newspapers. – Our Ship Canal co
			with G. Britain
14th Nov.	4	22d Aug.	The Tea Ware-house system.
16th Dcer.	5	27th Sept.	Sends correspondence of his Legation since the date of
1851			last despatch. – The Tea Ware-house system. – Disturbances in C
7th Feby.	6	26th Oct.	Receipt of despatch announcing Mr Balestier's appointment as Sec. of
			Sends correspondence between self, Yeh and himself touching the Affa

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1851		1850	
Feb.y	7	28.th Oct.r	Death of President Taylor, and of other distinguished individuals.
"	8	26.th Nov.r	Receipt of Ship Canal Convention between the U.S. and Great Britain and of Treaty with Hungary.— Destruction of the Portuguese Frigate Donna Maria II.— Weng Chong's claim against R. J. Cross, Esq.re of New York.— Disturbances in China.— Cholera at Canton and Whampoa.
March	9	26.th Decr.	Regulations for the guidance of American citizens residing at Amoy.— Circular addressed to U.S. Consuls in China, relative to judicial fees.— Certificate of the marriage of W. D. Lewis Esq.re of New York.— Death of Commissioner Lin.— State of Keying's health.— Disturbances in China.
		1851	
April	10	28.th Jan.y	Consul Bradley's difficulties with the local authorities at Amoy.— Difficulties between the British Consul and the Chinese authorities at the same place.— Arrival of H. B. M.'s Ship "Serpent" at Amoy, and the introduction of Chinese troops into that city.— Degradation of the Prime Minister Muhchangah and of the Imperial Commissioner Ke Ying.— Arrival of His Excellency Le Sing Yuen at the city of Kiang Se.— Movements of the insurgents.— Governor Cordozo's arrival at Hong Kong.— Return of the Dutch ship "Delft" to Batavia from Japan, with three shipwrecked Americans on board. Presence of a Steamer as a part of the U.S. force in China, desirable.
May	11	24.th Feby.	Regulations for the guidance of Masters of vessels and Seamen at Whampoa, and the appointment of an officer to maintain the regulations with an appropriation for the support of said officer, as well as for the procuring of a prison wanted.
"	12	25.th "	Receipt of despatch No. 2, respecting publications connected with the U.S. Ex. Expedition under Capt. Wilkes.— Boxes intended for the Legation of the U.S. at Canton.— Missing box.— Bills of lading in all cases to be forwarded with such boxes.— Accession of the new Governor of Macao to office.— His accounts.— Rate of exchange on London &c.— Has overdrawn his account rendered for contingent expenses $50.68.

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1851		1851	
22.d June	13	28.th March	Assault upon Messrs. Manigault and Cunn... Vols. of the U.S. Ex. Expedition for the Emperor of ... Receipt of U.S. Statutes at Large. - Sends copy of ... regulations for masters, officers and seamen of ves... U.S. at the free ports of China. - Messrs. Reed ... query whether the laws which are now in force in ... with reference to bills of exchange extend to, and a... upon citizens of the U.S. residing in China. - Want... if a British subject can obtain redress in any given ... the U.S. Consular Courts in China in the same manner ... would be entitled to in a similar case between him and ... of the U.S. residing at home, &c. - Stringent measures adopt... Emperor for the prevention of the use of Opium in China. (Se...

From Thomas A. R. Nelson Esq.re Commissioner to

When rec.d	No.	Date.	Contents.
1851		1851	
2.d April		22.d March	Receipt of note from the Department. - His appo... as Commissioner to China. - His acquaintance w... acts of Congress with regard to foreign Missio... ditionally accepts the appointment. - Time of ... pasture for his post. - His instructions. - Ske... of this letter. - His expected return to Jonesboro...
		14.th April	Receipt of note advising him of his appointme... Commissioner to China. - Declines the appoint... His acknowledgments to the President and the ...
		" "	Reasons which have impelled him to decline the ... of the appointment of Commissioner of the U.S. to ...
9.th Jul.		2.d July	Relative to his appointment to, and resignat... the office of Commissioner of the U.S. to C... Encloses testimonials to be placed on file ... Department.

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1851		1851	
2d July	14	21st April	Assault and robbery of Messrs. Manigault and Cunningham. Consul Bradley's difficulties with the local authorities at Amoy. Arrival of the U.S. Ship "Saratoga" at Macao. - Renews request with regard to one of our vessels visiting Amoy. Disturbances in China. - Imperial Edict in respect to the use of opium. - Spanish Mission to China discontinued &c.
.	15	22d .	Confidential. - Proposed coöperation of certain Nations to influence China in her intercourse with them.
4th Sept.	16	21st May	Sends copy of the correspondence of his Legation since the date of his last despatch, together with a letter to the 5th Auditor and one to the President of the U.S. submitting a copy of the "Port Regulations." - Has rec. two despatches from the Imperial Commissioner, one prohibiting the exportation of rice and the other proposing certain measures preventive of smuggling at Nang Hae.
1st Sept.	3d Rec.	10th .	Submits copy of the rules and regulations for masters officers and seamen of vessels of the U. States of America at the free ports of China, to be laid before Congress for revision.
3d .	17	20th June	Prohibition of the exportation of wheat and rice. - Measures to prevent smuggling at Nang Hae. - Receipt of despatch No 2 with the books which accompanied it. - Arrival of Capt. Glendy of the U.S.S. "Marion" at Whampoa, and the grounding of that vessel. - Wreck of the British barque "Serpent" on the Island of Formosa. - Is apprehended that other foreigners both English and American may now be in captivity upon that Island. - Loss of H.B.M.'s sloop "Reynard." Thinks that Western Governments should provide for the hospitable treatment of those who may be wrecked upon the Island of Formosa. - Insurrection in Kwang-se. Imperial Commissioner Yeu degraded. - Fac upon Teas.

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When received	No	Date.	Contents.
1857. 13th Oct.a	18	1857. 22d July	Apprehended captivity of American citizens on the Island of Formosa.- Publications connected with the U. S. Exploring Expedition for the Chinese Government.- Receipt of despatches from the Consulates at Amoy and Shang-Hae.- The rebellion in Kwang-tse.- State of British trade in China.
10th November	19	21st Sept.	Apprehended captivity of American citizens upon the Island of Formosa.- Question raised by the Consul at Amoy, whether the person appointed to act as his Vice-Consul is, in his absence, authorized to exercise judicial powers, under the act of Congress of the 11th August, 1848.- Rebellion in Kwang-tse.- Public executions at Canton.
15th December		19th Sept.	Recommends the appointment of Sandwith Drinker, Esq. as U. S. Consul at Hongkong, in case of a vacancy occurring in that Consulate.
"	20	24th "	Receipt of two despatches addressed to Commodore John H. Aulick, and of despatch No 4, relative to aid and assistance to be extended to Russian subjects in China, &c.- Has translated Com. Aulick's full power to treat with Japan and the President's letter to the Emperor of Japan. Circular instructions to Consuls relative to Russian subjects in China.- Consuls to affix their signatures to rules and regulations to Masters of vessels, &c.- Memoranda of Russian vessels that have appeared in China since the treaty making.- Russian interests at the maritime ports of China.- Sends correspondence between the U. S. Consul and the local authorities at Shanghae upon the subjects of revenue and the non exportation of Chinese grains.- Revocation of Consular fee for the amendment of ma

Com.r Webster &c. Joseph Blunt, Esq.r, Commissioner of the U.S. to China.

Com.rs No.	No	Date.	Contents.
1851		1851	
4th Oct.r		20th Oct.r	Signifies his acceptance of the appointment of Commissioner of the United States to China, &c.
4th Decr.		10th Decr.	Declines the appointment of Commissioner of the U.S. to China.

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4th	20	24th Sept.r	Continued.
			ifaers, &c.- New customhouse regulations growing out of the announcement by the British Govt that the duty of Chinese Customhouse officers would no longer be performed at British Consulates.- Vice Consul of the U.S. at Foo-chow-foo- Consul Bradley and his complaint against the authorities at Amoy.
	21	26th	Shipwrecked American citizens and others on the Island of Formosa.- Loss of the Spanish brig Brillante (supposed to have been cut off by pirates)- Degradation of this Excellency Lieut. Governor Sea.- Concentration of troops around Kwang-tse.
1852.			
4th Jany.	22	27th Oct.r	Non-exportation of grains the produce of China.- Shipwrecked Americans and other shipwrecked persons on the Island of Formosa.- Illegal seizure of merchandise in process of unlading from the ship "Panama" by the Chinese authorities.- New Customhouse regulations. Illegal inactivity of U.S. Government vessels in the Chinese waters.- His visit to the "Saratoga" at Wampoa- Health of the ship's company, &c.
4th Mard	23	27th Decr	Sends correspondence of his legation since the 22d Oct 1851 Together with a synopsis of the same.- Change

1852. 1852 Alfred Conkling Esq.r Appointed Commissioner to China.

4th Mard		27th Feb.r	Declining the post of Commissioner of the United States to China.

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1852.		1852	
			the Government of Macao.- Recall of Governor Cordoza.- Inauguration of the new Governor.- Reign of Keen Fung.- The civil war in China.- Ke Shen the Governor of Kan Sáh.- Inundation of the Yellow River.- Presence of a Govt. vessel at Hong Kae.- Secession of a new King to the throne of Siam.- Favorable time for renewing our treaty with that Government
6th April	24	27th Jan.y	Sends correspondence of his depatron since the 27th Dec.r last and invites attention to that part of it which relates to the course pursued by Capt. Glendy of the U.S. Ship "Marion".- The rebellion in China.- Emigration of Chinese to California.- Three despatches addressed to Henry Dries Esq.re Consul of the U.S. at Fouchow returned to the Dept. (Sent to Consular Bureau)
8th May	25	24th Feb.y	Sends his accounts with remarks touching the
" "	26	26th "	Arrival of the U.S. Steam Frigate Susquehanna at Macao.- Translations of certain documents made and forwarded to Commodore Aulick.- Difficulties encountered by Messrs. White & Colder, at Fou chow in the renting of grounds for building purposes &c.- The rebellion in China.- State of public affairs at Peking.- Receipt of the Presidents late annual message to Congress.
11th June	27	27th March	Arrival of the U.S. Steam Frigate Saratoga at Whampoa. Invitation to visit that ship extended to Yée the Governor of Canton.- Dr. Parker's visit in company with Pwan Tze Kiey and others to that vessel.- The rebellion and other Chinese matters.- Difficulty of renting grounds for building purposes at Fou Chow.- Chinese emigration to California and presence of passage money for a Chinese to.- Resort of our Whalers to Hong Kong for repairs and provisions.- Receipt of public documents.- Mr arri

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Jan.y rec.d	No.	Date.	Contents.
1852		1852	
4.th July	28	22.d Apl.	Non-interference of the authorities of other Governments in the leasing of land by citizens of the U.S. at the port of Shanghae.- Messrs. White and Colder's difficulty in renting ground for building purposes at Foo Chow.
4.th Augt.	29	21.st May	Details circumstances attending an act of piracy and murder perpetrated upon the high seas in March last, by Chinese coolies, in killing the Capt. the first and second officers and four of the seamen belonging to the American merchant man "Robert Bowne" while that vessel was on her passage from Amoy to San Francisco. The rebellion in China.- His visit to the U.S.S. St. Mary's. and the sixteen Japanese brought from San Francisco.
4.th Sept.r	30	19.th June	Further particulars concerning the piracy and murder committed on board of the "Robert Bowne".- Punishment of Chinese subjects guilty of smuggling at Shanghae. Terms upon which Dutch ships and their cargoes can enter the ports of the U.S. from China.- Exhibition of the arts, manufactures, and produce of the East Indies and China at London.- Chinese emigration to California.- The insurrection in China. His Excellency &c. &c.- Destructive flood.- Paddy injured by worms in China.- Sailing of the U.S.S. Plymouth. P.S.- Conviction of some of the actors in the "Robert Bowne" tragedy.
4.th Oct.r	31	20.th July	Trial and acquittal of certain coolies who were engaged in the piracy and murder committed on board of the American merchantman "Robert Bowne" in March last and who were turned over to the Chinese authorities for punishment.- Tah Chow. The salvage claimed by the surviving crew of the "Robert Bowne".- Circular to Consuls relative to Exhibition of the British Society of Arts &c.

Edward Everett, Secy. Peter Parker, Esqr., Chargé d'affaires, ad interim. to Chi

When received.	No.	Date.	Contents.
1852 5th November	32	1852 19th Augt.	Refers the case of piracy and murder which was committed on board of the American mer chantman "Robert Bowne" in March last, to the superior wisdom and pleasure of the Home Government, with some suggestions on the subject. The infractions of the treaty between the U.S. and China, and our present position with that Government.- Stake of the claims of citizens of the U.S. against the Chinese Government.- Sale of the "Robert Bowne."
14th December	33	21st Sept.	Requests the Department to decide the questi raised by the Consul at Amoy, and submitted in Dr. P.'s No. 19 whether the person appointed to act as his Vice Consul is, in his absence, authorized to exercise judicial powers under the act of Congress of the 11th of August, 1848.
1853 14th January	35	28th Oct.	Sends correspondence with his Legation since the date of his last despatch.- No immediate prospect of a satisfactory settlement of the difficulties of our citizens touching the renting of grounds for building purposes at Foo Chow.- Neglect of the Chinese Govt. to advise the Legation of the changes in the office of Imperial Commissioner.- Piracies prevalent in the Chinese waters.- The rebellion in China.
1852, 14th December	34	27th Sept.	Difficulties experienced by our citizens at Foo Chow in obtaining suitable accommodations for building purposes. The ground allowed by the Vice Consul at Shanghae, Mr. Cunningham, with reference to the punishment of Chinese for aggressions on citizens of the U.S. in China. His attempt to make known to the Chinese authorities au reliable information of the presence in the vicinity of Canton of ... persons rebels &c.- Governor Yeh's return to Canton and Change ... Govt. officers.- The Rebellion.- Receipt of Congressional documen

Chin. Webster Sec. Humphrey Marshall Esq. Commissioner of the U.S. to China.

Sec.	No.	Date.	Contents.
1852		1852	
4th Augt.		5th Augt.	Receipt of his commission. – Accepts the appointment, &c. – His birthplace. – Address.
1853			
4th Octr.	1	30th Sept.	Returns despatch No. 2 of 20th Sept. &c. – Receipt of despatches. Will embark in the Steamer of Saturday for Liverpool.
4th Jan.	3	4th Decr.	His arrival at Cairo. – No U.S. Consul at present in Egypt. – Our commerce with that country. – Productions of Egypt. – Trade of Egypt. – Egyptian trade with the U.S. – Office of the Consul General of the U.S. in Egypt vacant. – Necessity of a Consul at Cairo. – Character of Vice-Consul Khalil. – Suggests the propriety of making our Consul at Cairo a salaried officer.
4th March	3	1853 4th Jan.	His arrival at Port Penang. – Postal matters for the information of the U.S. Postmaster General. – P.S. – Hopes to arrive at Canton by the 18th Jan. – His health. – Case of Gibson, an American citizen, imprisoned at Batavia in the Island of Java.

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9th Feb.	36	27th Nov.	Encloses the reply of His Excellency Yeé to Dr. Parker's complaint of neglect on the part of the Chinese Government to advise the U.S. legation of the changes in the office of Imperial Commissioner and a note addressed to Messrs. White and Colder relative to the renting of grounds for building purposes at Fah Chow. – Fresh outbreak in the district of Tsung Hwa. – The rebellion in China. – Public events in China. – Inundations of the Yellow River. – Dissolute character of the young Emperor.
		24th "	Receipt of despatch No. 6 relative to the appointment of Humphrey Marshall as Commissioner, to the resumption by Dr. Parker of the duties of Sec. and Interpreter, &c. &c. – Is gratified that the President approves his official conduct. – Will resume the discharge of the duties of Sec. and Interpreter upon the arrival of the new Commissioner. – Asks for leave of absence to visit the United States.

William L. Marcy Esq. Peter Parker, Esq. Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim. China.

When received	No.	Date.	Contents.
15th March 1853	37	25th Dec. 1852	Sends correspondence of the Legation.- Riot at Amoy.- The civil war in Hoonan.- Outbreak in his province.- Rumored division in the Imperial Cabinet at Peking on measures of public expediency, and that the Emperor is now desirous of availing himself of the services of His Excellency Keying.
11th April 1853	38	26th Jan.	Mr. Marshall's arrival at Hongkong &c.- The rebellion in China.- The opium imported into China this year.

W. Marcy. Sec.y Humphrey Marshall, Esq.re Commissioner of the U.S. to China.

Rec.d	No.	Date.	Contents.
1853		1852	
June 1	April 3	July 7 Feb.y	His arrival at Victoria - at Canton. - Difficulty and delay experienced in obtaining an audience for the purpose of presenting his letter of credence. - Has in consequence taken leave of their Excellencies the Imperial Commissioner and the Acting Governor of Canton. - Sends copy of note to Commodore Aulick in which Mr. M. asks that the frigate Susquehanna may convey him to the north of China. - Should he find that vessel ready to take him to Nanking, it is his purpose to sail thither without delay, in order to communicate his credential letter to the Chinese Government. - Commodore Aulick's conduct towards him. - The civil war in China.
"	4	8th "	His difficulty with Commodore Aulick. - The propriety of placing small U.S. steamers on the China station.
"	5	" "	Is compelled in consequence of the refusal of Com. Aulick to convey him to Nanking is compelled to return to Macao and wait for an opportunity to proceed to the north. - Why he was not received as Commissioner of the U.S. at Canton. - Necessity of his going to the north. - His purpose should he be enabled to confer directly with the Imperial Court. - State of the rebellion. - His mortification &c. at being prevented by Com. Aulick from proceeding to Nanking.
1st June 10		19th March	Case of Walter M. Gibson an American citizen, imprisoned by the Dutch authorities at Batavia in the Island of Java. - Is on the eve of his departure for Nanking. - The present troubled state of China. - The "Susquehanna" placed at his disposal by Commander Kelly, &c.
"	6	22d Feb.y	Sends duplicates of his Nos. 3, 4, & 5. - Commander Walker court martialed for having carried Mr. M. to Whampoa in the "Saratoga", &c. - Com. Aulick's return to the U.S. - Mr. M. fearful that his wish to proceed to Nankin will be thwarted. - Grounds of this apprehension. - Necessity of having a small armed steamer to cruise between the free ports of China believed to exist

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1st. June 1853.	7	3d. March 1853	Communicating sundry papers relating to the case of Walter M. Gibson an American citizen imprisoned by the Dutch authorities at Batavia in the Island of Java.
"	8	7th.	Sends copy of circular addressed to U. S. Consuls in China on receipt of official intelligence of the death of Mr. Webs
"	9	8th.	Encloses copy of his circular to Consuls in China call upon them for certain statistical information.— The difficulty of renting grounds for building purposes at Fuh Chow.— Policy of foreign powers as connected with the Chinese emigration that ha just commenced.— Says that there is not a co volume of the State Papers or of the Journals of t Convention or of the Debates in Congress or of the Diplomatic Correspondence of the U. S. in he Legation.— His difficulty in obtaining a reside at Canton.— Suggests that an outlay of $15,000 will procure a good establishment there for "the American officials".— Calls attention to the many points referred by the Acting Chargé d'Affaires to the Dept. for definite instructions and cites one of them, to wit. the case of the "Robert Browne." Employment of an Interpreter at each of the American Consulates in China.
11	28th.	"	The "Susquehanna's" trip from Macao to Shanghae His sickness on board that vessel.— Trade of Shanghae.— Siege of Nankin.— Is in hopes that the Emperor will receive him at Pekin.— The rebe
19th. August	P. P.	23d. May	Wreck of the Steamer "Carricton".— Thirty-one lives and sundry books and despatches forming pa of the archives of the Legation of the U. S. at Canton, lo Sends circular issued by Imps. Commissioners relative to the rebellion in the

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When rec'd.	No.	Date.	Contents.
1853		1853	
Sept.	17	30th May	Loss of despatches in consequence of the wreck of the steamer "Carrieton" - Wishes copy of his No. 10 & 11. - His note to the Prime Minister, and the delay in its reaching its destination. - Direct intercourse between the Court at Peking and Ministers from Foreign Powers constantly opposed by the provincial authorities. - The rebellion. - Progress of events in China. - Our naval force entirely withdrawn from that station. - Recommends the placing of small war steamers on the China coast under the control of the Commissioner. - Says that American citizens have been induced to assume commands in the Chinese naval and military services &c, and wishes to know if the rebels in Amoy may, under certain circumstances named, collect duties from American imports. The breaking up of China into different kingdoms. - Movements of the British Minister in China. Ready to prosecute or to resign his mission. - Receipt of despatches. - Documents &c. wanted for the Legation. - The presentation of works to the Chinese Govt. by that of the U. S. - Doctor McGowan's offer to collect plants &c. for the Patent Office.
Sept.	19	8th June	Departure of the French war steamer "Castine" from Shanghai and return of the British war steamer "Hermes" to that port. The coming in of Com. Perry's transport "Caprice" for coal &c. - The "Susquehanna" "Mississippi" "Saratoga" and the ship "Supply" stationary at the Loochoo Islands. - The U. S. Expedition to Japan. - Unprotected situation of the citizens of the U. S. in China. - More fighting at Amoy, &c. - British ship "Rattler" stationed there for the protection of British subjects and other foreign residents. Sends communication addressed to him by the U. S. Commercial Agent at the Feejee Islands, relative to the enforcement of certain reclamations. - Temp. appointment of Ch. W. Orne as U. S. Com. Agent at Tamchan, &c. - His letter to the Chinese Gov. General. The armies of the two Emperors inactive. - The Tartar Emperor at

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When rec.d	No.	Date.	Contents.
1853,		1853,	Peking supplying himself with a fleet of foreign built vessels, and inviting to his service the seamen and marines of western nations.— The consequences of this invitation. Confidential. N. B.— Sir George Bonham's receipt of an Imperial letter in which certain overtures are made by the High Minister of the new Emperor, the Rebel Chief.— Rebels organizing to march upon Canton.
17.th Sept.r	20	21.st June	His letter to the Governor General, and difficulty experienced in presenting his credentials.— Complaint against American citizens for trading with the Insurgents in firearms, &c.— Hard to restrain the Missionaries their hearts being enlisted in the cause of the rebels.— The Rev.d Mr. Roberts.— Has been more fighting about China and its Government.
19.th August	13	28.th April	Passage of the British steamer "Hermes" up the Yang tsze-kiang with Sir George Bonham and suite on board.— His embarrassment growing out of the want of suitable national vessels to convey him from one point to another &c.— American trade at Canton and Shanghai.— Shanghai.— Shanghai and Canton as places of residence contrasted.— Place for the permanent establishment of the Legation of the U. S. in China.— Is now at Shanghai.— The "Plymouth's" arrival at Shanghai and the expected arrival there of the "Mississippi" with Com.r Perry on board.— Army of the Emperor and that of the Rebels still centred round Nanking &c.
	14	6.th May	Encloses Report made by the U. S. Consul at Amoy in conformity with Mr. Marshall's circular of 5.th March 1853.— Sends certain correspondence touching injuries done to the rigging of the French Flag Staff at Canton.— Sir George Bonham's expedition up the Yang-tsze.— 7.th May R. S.— That Sir George has commu

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Pen No.	No.	Date.	Contents.
1853		1853	
2 Augt.	15	20 May	Sends papers and correspondence relating to the disadvantages to trade on account of the want of a convenient currency in China. to the withdrawal of the entire naval force of the U.S. from Shanghai to the service of a National ship to await the reception of the U.S. Commissioner, to the "Plymouth" and to the detention of that vessel at Shanghai.—His difficulty with Commodore Perry.
"	16	26.	Receipt of despatch granting leave of absence to Dr. Parker. Dr. Parker.—Salary of the Secretary and Interpreter of the Legation too small.—The Chinese language.—No necessity for combining the offices of Secretary and Interpreter—They should be separated.—Duties of an Interpreter.—Dr. Parker and his assistant.—Fair allowance for an Interpreter and for a Sec.y of Legation. Suggests the propriety of inducing some one to learn the Chinese language with the view to his employment in the Legation.—Would be good policy to allow a certain number of Chinese writers to be employed at the Consulates &c.—Has now in his employment a young Chinese who speaks and writes the English language fluently.—Hopes he may be allowed to retain him at a salary of $600 per annum.—Sends translation of pamphlet issued by the rebel Chief along with several numbers of the North China Herald.—The doctrines avowed by the rebels.—Does not anticipate any very salutary change from the success of the rebels.—The present revolution in China. Unprotected state of our citizens in that country.
"	18	1.st June	Submits correspondence between himself and the Vice Consul of the U.S. at Shanghai relative to the stay of the "Plymouth" at that port—Arrival of the mail & time of departure of the "Plymouth"

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When received.	No.	Date.	Contents.
5th October 1853	21	6th July 1853	His journey to Kwoonsan and his first interview there with the Viceroy on the occasion of presenting his letter of credence to that officer for transmission to the Emperor. The country between Shanghai and Kwoonsan. Its productions &c. &c. - The cotton crop in China. - His talked of journey into the interior. - The rebellion. - Ships of the U.S. on the coast of China. - Has written to Dr. Parker to join him at Shanghai &c. - Resp. of convention between the U.S. and the Netherlands. P. 10th July - Movements of the rebel forces.
5th November	23	26th .	Encloses a system of municipal regulations for the government of foreign residents in Shanghai, submitted by H. B. M's Consul to the Vice Consul of the U.S. at that port: with remarks. - Invites the President's attention to the subject.
5th .	24	30th .	Sends copy of a communication which he addressed to the Imperial Commissioner at Canton on the 10th of last July. - Case of the Rev. Mr Roberts. - Abuse of the stars and stripes flag at Ningpo. - Want of a U.S. Jail at Shanghai. - Encloses tables showing British imports, exports, and tonnage at Shanghai during the last year. - The rebels
. .	26	6th Augt.	Sends his accounts made up to the 4th of Augt. 1853, with remarks. Sent 5th Auditor 14 Nov 53.
. .	25	4th .	His difficulty with Dr. Parker the Secretary and Interpreter of the Legation. - Effort of Mr. Forbes, the Consul of the U.S. at Canton, to induce the Chinese authorities to receive Mexican dollars on a par with those of Spain. - Mr. Forbes and his Consulate. - Judicial powers of Vice-Consuls and Consular Agents of the U.S. in China. - The Consulate of the U.S. at Amoy. - The Dept. letters to Dwight Webb. - No such person in China. - Steamer going into dock at Shanghai for repairs - Sail of fleet going to the

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When rec.ᵈ	No.	Date.	Contents.
1853 Dec.ʳ Nov.ʳ	27	1853 26.ᵗʰ Sept.ʳ	Encloses copy of letter from the Viceroy communicating the Imperial acknowledgment of the receipt of Mr. M.'s credentials and of Mr. M.'s reply, with remarks.— Draws comparison between Shanghai and Canton as places for the establishment of the U.S. Legation.— Municipal regulations for the government of foreign residents at Shanghai. The rebellion.— "Saratoga" in dock at Shanghai.— Shanghai infested with robbers &c.— Sends close of correspondence between himself and Dr. Parker touching their late difficulty.
"	28	30.ᵗʰ "	Sends letter purporting to be the Viceroy's account of Mr. M.'s reception at Kwan Shan, with remarks.— His manifest uneasiness given to the Chinese Mandarins by his leaving at Shanghai.— His determination to hold that place as a residence, &c.— Thinks that the Govt of the U.S. should require such a reception of its diplomatic representatives as shall import a sense of equality and the practice of the highest courtesy by the Chinese Government.
1854 Jan.ʸ 7.ᵗʰ	29	7.ᵗʰ Sept.ʳ	The fall of Shanghai.— Interview with the Rebel Chief, &c. The "Saratoga".
"	30	15.ᵗʰ "	Further particulars concerning the overthrow of Shanghai. No U.S. naval force at Shanghai except the "Saratoga" &c.— Submits correspondence between himself and American merchants at Shanghai on the subject of duties & calls the attention of the Dept. to the matter.— Has discharged his Chinese writer in conformity with circular of Dept. forbidding the employment of foreigners in the Legations of the U.S.
"	31	21.ˢᵗ "	Acknowledges receipt of despatch No. 8, with remarks.— Withdrawal of the entire naval force of the U.S. from the Chinese coast.— Com. Perry's conduct, &c.— The Mission to China.— Character and progress of the rebellion in China.— Sends Consular circular referred to in his No. 30, and copy of Communications made by him to the Imperial Com.ʳ and the Viceroy, touching present state of affairs in China.

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When received.	No.	Date.	Contents.
1853 30th Nov.r	32	1853 22d Sept.r	Sends copies of his communications to the commanding officer of the naval forces of the U.S. and to the Acting Consul at Canton.
1854	33	10th Oct.r	The Revd Mr. Roberts' claim upon the Chinese Government with remarks.
	34	30th "	Sends Com. Perry's reply to Mr. Marshall's communication requesting him to place vessels of war at certain points in China for the protection of U.S. citizens &c.; reply of the acting Consul at Canton to the same communication from Mr. M.; his Proclamation to the citizens of the U.S. at Shanghae; the Governor General's reply to Mr. M.'s notification to him that military force was required at Shanghae, and that China would be held liable to indemnify citizens of the U.S. against losses &c.; the reply of the Imperial Commissioner to a similar communication from Mr. M.; correspondence between Mr. M. and the Vice Consul at Shanghae on the recognition of the rights of the Chinese Superintendent of Customs to resume his duties at Shanghae on the withdrawal of the provisional regulations for the customs established by the Vice Consul, on the course to be pursued under a certain contingency by American masters and the Consul to clear American ships, and on an alleged breach of neutrality by the V.C. of the U.S.; and the papers in the correspondence between H.B.M. Consul at Shanghae and the Chinese Superintendent of Customs on the rights of the latter, and the course of the British Govt in certain contingencies with comments by Mr. M. upon some of the enclosures accompanying his despatch — Affairs in China

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1854.		1853	
4th Feby.	35	21st Nov.	His arrival at Hong Kong. - Amoy evacuated by the insurgts. British steamer chartered by Com. Perry for the protection of American merchants, &c, at Canton. - Events in China. - Has had during the whole summer the strongest inclination to ascend the Yangtsz' Kiang, to find out something of the purposes of the Taipingwan, &c. - His reasons for returning to Canton. - Submits correspondence between himself and the Vice Consul at Shanghai relative to the recognition of the Chinese customhouse at that place.
"	36	26th. "	His reasons for requiring shippers on vessels of the U.S. to arrange for the ultimate payment of the duties due to China before their vessels depart from Shanghai, &c.
"	37	8th. Decr.	Notice of collision between British and Chinese. - Purchase of steamer "Confucius" recommended. - Law of 11th. Augt. 1848, considered. - Relating to Consuls. - Interpreters. - Purchase of ground. - Operations of the rebels. - Death of Lt. Matthews of the Navy and 14 persons. - Duties at Shanghai. - Russian Japan Expedition. - Death of Ziogoon of Japan.
		1854	
8th. March	38	9th. Jan.	Submits letters which have passed between himself and the Chinese Imperial Commissioner between himself and Com. Perry, and between himself and the Vice Consul of the U.S. at Shanghai with remarks upon the correspondence. - Payment of duties at Shanghai. - Com. Perry's contract. - U.S. naval force on the China Station &c. Return of the French Minister from Nanking. - The Rebels. - China. - Has returned the Consular archives at Amoy to Chas. Wm. Bradley Jr. - Recommends his appointment as Consul at that place.
5th. April	39	25th. "	Receipt of despatch Nr. 9. - Proposes to set out on his return to the U.S. on the 27th. of Jan. when the archives will pass into the care and possession of Dr. Parker. - To bring the business of the Legation properly before the Depart

When received.	No:	Date.	Contents.
			H. L. Harvey, Secy: Humphrey Marshall, Esqre Commissioner to China.
1854,		1854,	ment, submits additional papers from 1 to 8 inclusive.– China news.– His drafts on the Sec^y. of State.– Account of expenditures from contingent fund, &c.– Closing remarks.
			Peter Parker, Esqre, Chargé d' Affaires ad interim.
18th April	1	9th Feb^y.	Mr. Marshall's departure for Europe.– Remarks upon Mr. M's conduct towards himself.– No political news of interest, but both Revolutionists and Imperialists are making preparations for a Spring campaign.
28th "	2	22d "	Sends correspondence of the Legation since the departure of the Commissioner.– Position of affairs in China, particularly at Shanghae, embarrassing.– Recognition of the new established custom house at Shanghae by the Consuls of England, France, and the U.S.– Payment of duties at Shanghae.– Says that the report of the wreck of the "Orleana" of N.Y. it is thought, will prove unfounded, &c.– Has administered oath to Vice Consul Spooner qualifying him to exercise judicial functions. The U.S. and the Russian expedition to Japan.

W. L. Marcy, Secr. Robert M. McLane, Esqr. Commissioner of the U. S. to China.

When rec'd.	No.	Date.	Contents.
1853		1853	
5th Oct.		26th Oct.	Receipt of his commission as Commissioner to China. - Accepts the appointment. - Was born in Delaware.
1854		1854	
4th June	1	20th March	His arrival at Hong Kong on the 13th March. - Dr. Parker's visit to him there on the 16th. - Has determined to postpone the presentation of his credentials until the arrival of the "Susquehanna" which is expected in a few days. &c. - Payment of duties at Shanghai. - Sends correspondence between the British Plenipotentiary and the Secretary of the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce, with remarks. - The Chinese customhouse at Shanghai. - American Pilot boat fired into by one of the Imperial war junks called the "Clown". - Loss of the American ship "Oriental". - The rebellion. - Chinese emigration to California and Australia. - Will take an early occasion to call attention to all the questions that have occupied the Legation and remain unadjusted. P. S. - 26th March. - Encloses letter from Dr. Parker. - Non arrival of the "Susquehanna". - Will not defer the presentation of his credentials. - Hopes that it will be in the power of Com. Ringgold to place a small steamer at his command for a short time.
"	2	8th April	Wrote to the Dept. on the 20th March. - His visit to Macao a few days afterwards. - Proposes to visit Canton on the 14th Apl. - Makes his acknowledgments to Com. Ringgold. - Visit to Hong Kong on the 1st Apl. - Arrival there of the "Susquehanna" on the 2d. - Requests that instructions may be given to detach another steamer to take the place of that vessel, and that two sloops of war may be detached from the East India Squadron for his use &c. The U. S. Expedition to Japan. - The rebellion in China. - Will not precipitately enter into negotiations with the Imperial Government, &c.
		9th "	Confidential. - His failure to obtain an interview with the Imperial Commissioner, for the purpose of presenting to him, for transmission to the Emperor, the letter of the President accrediting him to the Government of the Chinese Empire. What he proposes to do under the circumstances.

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1854 7th July	3	1854 20th April	Refers to his No. 2, and to his confidential letter of the 9th Apl.- Communicates correspondence between Dr. Parker and the Imperial Commissioner, with a note which was addressed to the latter by himself on the 15th. The difficulty experienced in transacting business with the Chinese Govt. Narrates his own conduct and experience, and sets forth the policy he intends to pursue in his intercourse with the Govt. of China.- His interview with Sir John Bowring relative to his coöperation with Mr. McLane in the progress of events in China.- Sends copy of letter addressed to Dr. Parker for his government during Mr. McL.'s absence from Canton. Will not precipitate any negotiation with the Imperial Government or the Revolutionists &c. The collision at Shanghai between the Imperial troops and the foreign residents.
10th August	4	4th May	His arrival at Shanghai.- Derangement of our commercial interests at that place, and the imminent danger of life to which our citizens are exposed.- State of affairs at Shanghai.- Duties at Shanghai.- General disorder in China has affected the Commercial interests and safety of our citizens at Ning-po.- Unadjusted questions between the U.S. and China.- Has effected a Charter Party for a steamer to the "Susquehanna" &c.
4th September	Dr. Parker	20th June	Progress of events in the South of China.- Pirates in the Chinese waters.- Says George Perkins, Esqr. of Boston lost his life at their hands.- Protracted absence from Com. Perry and his Squadron.
16th "	Dr. Parker	4th July	Progress of events at Canton and its vicinity.- Commissioner Yeh.- Reported arrival of the Steamer "Lady Mary Wood" from Shanghai, with intelligence from Mr. McLane and Com. Perry.

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1854 Sept. 23.	5	1854 21st. May	His reception of the Imperial Superintendent of Customs and of the Gen'l. Commanding the Imperial forces at Shanghai. His contemplated excursion up the Yang-tze-Kiang.- The difficulty of obtaining lands for building purposes at Fu-chow-fu. Prospect of trade at that place.- Ratification of Mr. David O. Clark's appointment as acting Vice Consul at Fu-chow-fu.- Ning-po- Tsing-hai.- Chusan.- Our Missionary settlement at Ning-po.- The difficulty between the crews of native and of foreign vessels at Ning-po.- Dr. Mc Cartee's recognition as acting U. S. Consul at that place.- Encloses correspondence with the Governor General of the Provinces of Min and Chek.
4th Oct.	"	6 14th. June.	Details the circumstances attending his trip up the Yang-tze-Kiang in the "Susquehanna".- Present state of affairs in China.- Enquiries what shall be the policy of foreign nations having treaty stipulations with China, &c. the existing difficulties between the United States and China.
4th Oct.	7	7th. July	His interview with the Vice Roy and Governor General of the Liang Kiang Provinces.- Abolition of the inland custom-houses for Shanghai.- Commercial intercourse with the interior of China including the free navigation of the great rivers of that Empire.- No intercourse to be had with the Imperial Commissioner at Canton.- New arrangement for the administration of the revenue department at Shanghai.- Unpaid duties at that port.- Recent British expedition up the Yang-tze-Kiang for the purpose of purchasing coal.
4th Nov.	8	27th. "	His interviews with the Vice Roy of the Liang Kiang Provinces, at which all the questions involved in the local difficulties caused by the fall of Shanghai were considered, and his conference with the Governor of that Province, and with the Superintendent of Customs thereto relative to the Vice Roy's Communication to Mr. Mc L.- His arrangement with Sir John Bowring for communicating directly with the Capital.- Administration of the customs, and protection & defence of the foreign settlement at Shanghai.- Land regulations.-

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1854		1854	Settlement of claims made upon American merchants by the Superintendent of customs at Shanghai, for duties since the 7.th Sept.r 1853.
13.th November	9	20.th Sept.r	Invites attention to the destitute condition of our Consular establishments in China, &c.– In addition to the present Secretary and Interpreter of the Mission, recommends the appointment of another Interpreter with a salary of 2000 $.– Erection of Consular Jail at Shanghai
" "	10	" "	His arrival at Hong Kong.– The "Powhatan" to be placed at his disposal in lieu of the "Susquehanna".– Receipt of despatch No.7.– Revision of the British Treaty with China &c.– The panic and confusion at Canton remain but the danger to life and property has been removed. Trade at Canton stopped– at Shanghai active, and the city quiet.
12	10.th	Sept.r	Failure of the British Minister in his effort to enter upon negotiations with the Imperial Commissioner at Canton for a revision of the British treaty with China. Determination of the British and French Ministers and the U. S. Commissioner to communicate directly with the Court at Peking.– All negotiations at Canton definitively closed, &c.– Asks permission to withdraw from China for a few months, on account of his health.
11	21.st	Sept.r	Sends memoranda and translations from the journal of the Sec.y of Legation concerning the civil disorder and insurrection threatening the city of Canton. Refers to his No.9, in which he recommends the appointment of another Interpreter to the Mission, in addition to the present Secretary and Interpreter with a salary of 2000 $ per annum, &c..

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4th Dec.r	13	19th Sept.r	Revision of the existing treaties between the United States, Great Britain, and France, with China.— Acts of hostility and robbery in the neighborhood of Canton.— His letter with a proclamation on the subject to Captain Abbott, commanding U.S. naval forces in the China seas.— Gallant and enterprising conduct of Lieut. Rolando, of the U.S. Brig "Porpoise" in acting to disperse a large fleet of pirates within a few miles of Macao, and in rescuing the shipwrecked passengers of the ship "Hygia."
6th "	14	" "	Acknowledges receipt of despatch No.8, relative to the placing of a small naval force under his control, with remarks on the subject.
5th "	16	2d Oct.r	Transmitting documents which should have accompanied his despatches No.s 8 and 13.
6th "	15	" "	Receipt of despatch No. 7 [6] of the 8th April, 1854, calling his attention to the act of Congress of the 11th Augt, 1848, with remarks on the same.— Tariff of fees, &c.— His arrival at Shanghai.— Ceremonial call and reception of the Governor of the Keang Soo Province.
4th Feb.y	17	18th Nov.r	Transmits correspondence with Commodore Perry, Commanders Buchanan and Ringgold, and Lieutenants Rodgers and Stevens, relative to his intercourse with them, the correspondence between Dr. Parker and Commander Ringgold, concerning the U.S.S. "John Hancock," with remarks on the protection afforded by Commander Ringgold to the American community at Canton, at a moment of great peril to them; and his own correspondence with Capt. Abbott concerning the recharter of a small steamer.— Will take an other occasion to speak about the charter of a small steamer for service in the China seas.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers, viz: 1. Copy of a letter of 19th Sept. '54, from Mr. McLane to Com. Perry. 2. Copy of letter of 16 Oct. '54 from Capt. Abbott to Mr. McLane. 3. Copy of letter of 27th

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1855.		1854	May '54, from Com. Perry to Mr. Mc. Lane. 4. Copy of letter of 22d. July, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Perry. 5. Copy of letter of 25th. July, '54, from Com. Perry to Mr. Mc. Lane. 6. Copy of letter of 30th. July, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Perry. 7. Copy of letter of 18th. Augt., '54, from Com. Perry to Capt. Mc. Cluney. 8. Copy of letter of 20th. Augt., '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Perry. 9. Copy of letter of 18th. Augt., '54, from Com. Perry to Mr. Mc. Lane. 10. Copy of letter of 19th. Augt., '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Perry. 11. Copy of letter of 29th. July, '54, from Com. Perry to Mr. Mc. Lane. 12. Copy of letter of 25th. Augt., '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Perry. 13. Copy of letter of 28th. Augt., '54, from Com. Perry to Mr. Mc. Lane. 14. Copy of letter of 28th. Augt., '54, from Capt. Mc. Cluney to Com. Perry. 15. Copy of letter of 28th. Augt., '54, from Capt. Mc. Cluney to Com. Perry. 16. Copy of letter of 29th. Augt., '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Perry. 17. Copy of letter of 1st. Sept., '54, from Com. Perry to Capt. Mc. Cluney. 18. Copy of letter of 2d. Sept., '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Perry. 19. Copy of letter of 1st. May, '54, from Capt. Buchanan to Mr. Mc. Lane. 20. Copy of letter of 6th. May, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Capt. Buchanan. 21. Copy of letter of 6th. May, '54, from Capt. Buchanan to Mr. Mc. Lane. 22. Copy of letter of 3d. Sept., '54, from Com. Perry to Mr. Mc. Lane. 23. Copy of letter of 2d. Sept., '54, from Capt. Buchanan to Mr. Mc. Lane. 24. Extract from a letter of 13th. May, '54, from Commr. Ringgold to Mr. Mc. Lane. 25. Copy of letter of 21st. May, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Commr. Ringgold. 26. Copy of letter of 9th. June, '54, from Commandr. Ringgold to Mr. Mc. Lane. 27. Extract from a letter of 26th. June, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Commr. Ringgold. 28. Extract from a letter of 7th. July, '54, from Commr. Ringgold to Mr. Mc. Lane. 29. Copy of letter of 22d. July, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Commr. Ringgold. 30. Copy of a letter of 2d. Sept., '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Com. Rodgers. 31. Copy of a note of 28th. Sept., '54, by Mr. Mc. Lane

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1855		1854	32. Copy of letter of 10th. Novr. '54, from Mr. M. Lane to Lieut. Stevens.— 33. Copy of letter of 8th. Sept. '54, from Commr. Rodgers to Mr. Mc. Lane.— 34.— Copy of letter of 18th. June, '54, from Commr. Ringgold to Dr. Parker. 35. Copy of letter of 19th. June, '54, from Dr. Parker to Commr. Ringgold. 36.— Copy of letter of 20th. June, '54, from same to same. 37. Copy of letter of 15th. June, '54, from Dr. Parker to ——. 38. Copy of confidential letter of 6th. July '54, from Dr. Parker to Commr. Ringgold. 39. Copy of letter of 7th. July, '54, from the same to the same.— 40. Copy of letter of 7th. July, '54, from Commr. Ringgold to Dr. Parker. 41. Copy of letter of 7th. July, '54, from same to same. 42.— Copy of letter of 8th. July, '54, from Dr. Parker to Commr. Ringgold. 43. Copy of letter of 10th. July, '54, from the same to the same. 44. Copy of letter of 10th. July, '54, from Commr. Ringgold to Dr. Parker. 45. Copy of letter of 6th. Sept., '54, from Commr. Abbott to Mr. Mc. Lane. 46. Copy of letter of 7th. Sept., '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Capt. Abbott.
4th. Feb.	18	18th. Nov.	Transmits correspondence between himself and the U.S. Consuls and Vice Consuls at Canton, Amoy, and Shanghai, on various subjects connected with the current business of their respective Consulates.

Annexed to this despatch are the following Papers: 1. Copy of letter of 14th. June, '54, from Mr. Spooner to Mr. Mc. Lane, relative to the murder of an American citizen named Cook by a Malay at Whampoa. 2. Copy of a letter of the 26th. June, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Mr. Spooner, upon the same subject. 3. Copy of letter of 18th. Sept. '54, from same to same, relative to the case of Ching vs. Moses.— 4. Copy of letter of 18th. Sept. '54, from Mr. McLane to Mr. Bancroft, enclosing a proclamation for circulation among the Chinese. 5. Copy of letter of 25th. June, '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Mr. Murphy, relative to the inquiry of certain notifications.— 6. Copy of a letter of 29th. July, '54, from same to same, calling his attention to his judicial records in the matter of the debts there filed against the estate of Henry G. Wolcott, &c. 7. Copy of letter of 25th. August, '54, from Mr. Murphy to Mr. Mc. Lane, transmitting official documents, &c. &c. 8. Copy of letter of 15th. Apl. '54, from Mr. Mc. Lane to Commissioner Yee notifying to him the appointment of certain U.S. Consuls.— 9. Translation of letter of 7th. May '54 from Com. Yee to Mr. Mc. Lane, in reply to his letter of the 15th.

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1855		1854	10. Copy of letter of 16th Sept.r 54, from Mr. McLane to the Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok, advising him that Mr. McL. had been accredited by the President of the U.S. to the King of Siam, &
			11. Copy of letter of 4th Sept. 54 from Mr. McLane to Wang de Governor General, acknowledging receipt of letters, and advising him that Mr. McL. has again visited the port of Fuchau-fu. 12. Copy of letter of 30th March, 54, from Mr. Wyatt to Mr. McLane enclosing an order for the archives, &c. belonging to the U.S. Consulate at Amoy.
			13. Copy of letter of 15th June, 53, from Mr. Marcy to Mr. Marshall, relative to the delivery of the archives, &c. above referred to.
			14. Copy of letter of 21st May, 54 from Mr. McLane to Mr. Wyatt, relative to his Consular appointment, and to the archives of the Consulate. 15. Translation of letter of 6th Oct.r 54, from Gov.r Keih to Mr. McLane, relative to the excavation of a certain dyke. 16. Copy of letter of 9th Oct.r 54, from Mr. McLane to Gov.r Keih, on the same subject. 17. Translation of letter of 7th Oct.r 54, from Governor Keih to Mr. McLane, relative to cutting off supplies to
		1854	the rebels at Shanghai.
19		18th Nov.r	Transmitting correspondence with Sir John Bowring concerning the action of the B. Government in regard to the question of unpaid duties at Shanghai, and touching certain arrangements and details of the visit recently made by Mr. McL. and Sir John B. to the mouth of the Peiho river. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 24th Apl. 54, from Sir J. Bowring to Mr. McL. relative to revision of the existing treaties with China. 2. Copy of letter of 8th May, 54, from Mr. McL. to J.B. concerning interruption to commercial operations at Shanghai. 3 Copy of letter of 17th May 54, from Sir J. B. to Mr. McL. relative to an anticipated interview with the Imperial Commissioner, and to Sir J. B.'s departure to the north, and to the settlement of the duty. 4. Copy of letter of 28th July, 54, from Lane to Mc, concerning arrangements for visiting the mouth of the Peiho river. 5. Copy of letter of 28th July, 54,

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1855		1854	Governor of Keangtoo, and to arrangements for visiting the Peiho river. 6. Copy of letter of 28th July '54, from Sir James Stirling to Sir J. Bowring, relative to visiting the mouth of the Peiho. 7. Copy of letter of 28th July '54, from Mr. McL. to Sir J. B. on the same subject. 8. Copy of letter of 29th Augt. '54, from Sir J. B. to Mr. McL., relative to suspended duties at Shanghai. 9. Copy of despatch of 3rd July '54, from Lord Clarendon to Sir J. Bowring, on the same subject. 10. Copy of letter of 1st Sept. '54, from Mr. McL. to Sir J. B. relative to same subject.
4th Feb.	20	19th Nov.	Makes reference to some of his previous despatches.—His visit to the mouth of the Peiho.—Difficulties of conducting diplomatic intercourse with the Government of China.—Present state of affairs in that country, and the policy he would recommend to the consideration of the President to pursue.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of a letter of 16th Oct. '54, from Mr. McL. to Dr. P. 2. Copy of passport of same date for Dr. P. 3. Copy of a memorandum of same date furnished by Mr. McL. to Dr. P. 4. Copy of letter of 10th Nov. '54, from Dr. P. to Mr. McL. 5. Copy of Dr. P.'s report of his proceedings, &c. 6. Copy of the minutes of his second interview with the Chinese authorities.—7. Copy of letter of 19th Oct. '54, from Mr. McL. to Dr. P.—8. Copy of letter of 21st Oct. '54, from Dr. P. to Mr. McL.—9. Copy of letter of same date to same. 10. Copy of minutes of third interview with Chinese authorities. 11. Extract from letter of 22d Oct. '54, from Mr. McL. to Dr. P.—12. Copy of Mr. McL.'s private instructions of 23d Oct. '54, to Dr. P. 13. Extract from a letter of 23d Oct. '54, from Mr. McL. to Dr. P.—14. Extract from a letter of 24th Oct. '54, from Dr. P. to Mr. McL.—15. Copy of minutes of fourth interview with the Chinese authorities.—16. Copy of letter of 25th Oct. '54, from Mr. McL. to Dr. P.—17. Copy of letter of 25th Oct. '54 from Dr. P. to Mr. McL.—18. Copy of letter of 25th Oct. '54, from Dr. P. and Mr. Medhurst to one of the Chinese authorities.—19. Translation of a letter of 26th Oct. '54 from certain Chinese officers to Dr. P. and Mr. Medhurst.—20. Memoranda of verbal instructions of 27th Oct. '54, from Sir J. Bowring and Mr. McL. to Dr. P. and Mr. Medhurst. 21. Copy of letter of same date from Dr. P. and Mr. M. to Chinese authorities.—22. Extract from a letter of 28th Oct. '54, from Dr. P. to Mr. McL.—23. Copy of letter of 29th Oct. '54 from Mr. McL. to Dr. P.—24. Copy of minutes of fifth interview with Chi-

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21	25th Nov.		Unpaid duties at Shanghai.—His correspondence and minutes of personal interviews with Keih Kuh Hangah, the Governor of Keang-so, at Shanghai, relative to the further protection of the foreign settlement at that port, Mr. Mc Lane's award in the matter of unpaid duties, and to his visit to the mouth of the Peiho.—Difficulty in protecting our people and property in their trade at the Chinese ports without ulterior

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from our present policy of non-intervention in the domestic strife now raging in China.- Recommends that a more positive policy be adopted by Western Nations in their intercourse with China.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers:- 1. Copy of letter of 20th May, '54, from Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co., Wetmore & Co., Smith, Kinp, & Co., et al, to Mr. McL.- 2. Copy of a communication of 13th June, '54, from Smith, Kinp, & Co. to Mr. McL.- 3. Copy of letter of 1st May, '54, from Rupell & Co. to Mr. McL.- 4. Copy of letter of same date from Mr. Murphy to Mr. McL.- 5. Copy of letter of 4th May, '54, from Mr. Cunningham to Mr. McL.- 6. Copy of letter of 6th May, '54, from Mr. McL. to Smith, Kinp, & Co.- 7. Copy of letter of 6th July, '54, from Mr. McL. to Rupell & Co.- 8. Copy of letter of same date from Mr. McL. to Augustine Heard & Co., Wetmore & Co., et al.- 9. Translation of letter without date from Superintendent Wu to Mr. Murphy.- 10. Translation of letter of 15th July, '54, from Woo Pro Judge, &c., to Mr. McL.- 11. Copy of letter of 12th July, '54, from Rupell & Co., Smith, Kinp, & Co., et al, to Mr. McL.- 12. Copy of a communication of 13th July, '54, from Wetmore & Co. to Mr. McL.- 13. Copy of a communication of 17th July, '54, from Bully, Frye, & Co. to Mr. McL.- 14. Copy of a letter of 18th July, '54, from Smith, Kinp, & Co. to Mr. McL.- 15. Copy of a communication of 21st July, '54, from Lane to Lane.- 16. Copy of a communication of 19th July, '54, from Augustine Heard & Co. to Mr. McL.- 17. Copy of a communication of 20th July, '54, from Rupell & Co. to Mr. McLane.- 18. Copy of the award of Mr. McLane.- 19. Copy of letter of 29th July, '54, from Mr. McL. to Mr. Murphy.- 20. Copy of a communication of 30th July, '54, from Mr. Murphy to Mr. McL.- 21. Copy of a letter of 29th July, '54, from Mr. McL. to Mr. Murphy 22. Translation of letter of 17th Nov., '54, from Gov. Keih to Mr. McL.- 23. Translation of letter of 18th Nov., '54, from same to same.- 24. Minutes of an interview of 18th Nov. '54, between Sir J. Bowring and Mr. McL. and the Chinese authorities.- 25. Translation of letter of 19th Nov. '54, from Gov. Keih to Mr. McL.- 26 Copy of letter of 20th Nov. '54, from Mr. McL to Gov. Keih.- 27 Minutes of an interview of 20th Nov. '54, between Mr. McL. and Gov. Keih.- 28 Copy of a letter of 2d Nov. '54, from Dr. Parker.- 29. Copy of letter of 22d Nov., '54, from Mr. McL to Gov. Keih.- 30 Translation of letter of 25th Nov. '54, from Gov. Keih to

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17th.	February 23	27th. Novr.	Transmits his correspondence with the Govr. of Kiangsu Province, the U.S. Consul and Commander Pope, concerning the defence of the lives and property of American citizens at Shanghai, with remarks. Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the same subject are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 4th Octr. '54, from Mr. Mc.L. to Mr. Murphy.—2. Translation of letter of 6th Octr. '54, from Govr. Keih to the American Commissioner.—3. Copy of letter of 9th Octr. from Mr. Mc.L. to Govr. Keih.—4. Translation of letter of 7th Octr. from Govr. Keih to Mr. Mc.L.—5. Copy of letter of 9th Octr. '54, from Mr. Mc.L. to Govr. Keih.—6. Copy of letter of 22d. Novr. '54, from Mr. Mc.L. to Capt. Pope.
"	24	"	Complaint of French Consul at Shanghai against an American citizen exercising the functions of a Pilot. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 8th Decr. '54, from Mr. Mc.L. to the Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok, relative to Mr. Mc.L.'s contemplated visit to Siam.—2. Copy of letter of 10th Octr. '54, from Mr. Mc.L. to Consul Murphy, touching the Pilot case above referred to.
"	27	8th. Decr.	Sends correspondence with Commr. Yeh, concerning recognition of certain Consuls and Lt. Parker as Chargé d'Affaires, and correspondence concerning aid and assistance sought by the Imperial authorities. Annexed to this despatch and relating to the same subjects are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 13th Sept. '54, from Mr. Mc.L. to Commr. Yeh.—2. Translation of letter of 7th Octr. '54, from Commr. Yeh to Mr. Mc.L.—3. Copy of letter of 8th Octr. '54, from Mr.

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1855	Unofficial ⊙	1855 7th Feb.	Refers to his letter from Paris of the 31st Jan., 1855. – State of his health. His conversation with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, relative to the existing relations between the United States and France, with some observations upon that conversation. – Judge Mason.
1854	1. March 3d the Rutter	27th Nov.	Transmitting certain regulations, orders, and decrees, for revision by Congress. Annexed to this despatch are two printed copies of "regulations for the Consular Courts of the U.S. of America in China" – one dated 25th Augt. and the other the 2d Oct., 1854.
"	25	Decr.	Plunder and piracy of the Chilian barque "Caldera". – Calls attention of the Dept. to the claim of the American Underwriters in that case, and recommends that the Commr. of the U.S. in China be authorized when cases occur of damage and injury to the property of Am. citizens which the Imperial authorities refuse to investigate and adjust, to withhold an amount sufficient to cover the claim from the duties due upon Am. ships. – Rev. J. J. Roberts' claim. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 15th Oct. '54, from Messrs. Russell & Co. to Mr. McLane. – 2. Copy of letter of 16th Nov. '54, from same to Frye, Brothers, & Co. – 3. Copy of letter of 16th Oct. '54, from Mr. Sturges to Mr. McL. – 4. Copy of letter of same date from Consul Keenan to Chaong, Military Commander, &c. 5. Copy of letter of same date from Mr. Sturges to Messrs. Russell & Co. – 6. Copy of letter of 17th Oct. '54, from Mr. Caldwell to Messrs. Russell & Co. et al. – 7. Copy of Consul Keenan's certificate of 19th Oct. '54 attached to the foregoing letter. 8. Copy of letter of 18th Oct. '54, from Messrs. Alvord & Co. to Mr. McL. – 9. Copy of letter of same date from Mr. Sturges to Messrs. Russell & Co. – 10. Copy of Matthew Rooney's protest of 14th Oct. '54, in the case of the "Caldera". – 11. Copy of M. Rooney's declaration of 7th Nov. '54, relative to the capture of the "Caldera". – 12 Copy of Consul Keenan's certificate of same date attached to the foregoing declaration. 13. Copy of a letter of 16th Oct. '54, from Mr. Spooner to Gov. Yeh. 14. Translation of a letter of 19th Oct. '54, from Gov. Yeh to Consul Spooner. – 15. Copy of letter of 26th Oct. '54, from Consul Spooner to Gov. Yeh. 16. Copy of letter of 16th Oct. '54, from Consul Keenan to Chaong, Military Commander, &c. – 17. Translation of a letter of 21st Oct. '54, from Chaong, Military Commander, &c. to "Kee" the U.S. Consul. – 18. Copy of James

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1855.		1854	B. Enticott's declaration of 13th Novr. 54. – 19. Printed Copy of a letter of 27th Novr. 54, from Mr. McL. to Messrs. Russell & Co. et al. – 20. Printed Copy of a letter of 9th Decr. 54, from Frye, Brothers, & Co., et al. to Mr. McL. – 21. Printed copy of a letter of same date from G. Frye, Jr. to Messrs. Russell & Co., et al. – 22. Copy of letter of 24th Novr. 54, from ch. M. Elmslie to Robt. Sturges, Esqr. – 23. Letter of 4th Oct. 54, from Rev. I. J. Roberts to the Secy. of State. Of these papers, those numbered from 1 to 22, inclusive, relate to the case of the Chilian barque "Caldera" and to the claim of the American underwriters in that case, whilst that numbered 23 relates to the Revd. Mr. Roberts' claim upon the Chinese Government.
26	8th Decr.	Case of I. Drinker, an American citizen, who accepted a commission from the Imperial Authorities of China, and was engaged in enlisting men to attack certain Insurrectionists in the Province of Canton. Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the same subject are the following papers. – 1. Copy of letter of 7th Decr. '54, from Mr. Drinker to Mr. McL. – 2. Copy of letter of 8th Decr. '54, from Mr. McL. to Lt. Comdg. Glisson. 3. Copy of letter of same date from George Preble to Lt. Comdg. Glisson. 4. Letter from Mr. Drinker to Mr. McL. dated Decr. 9, '54. – 5. Copy of letter of 12th Decr. '54, from Mr. McL. to Mr. Drinker.
25th March [Dr. Parker]	1	1855 12th Jany	Transmits correspondence of the Legation since 12th Decr. 1854, the time of Mr. McL.'s departure for Europe – Criminal cases. – Asks for instructions with regard to his exercising judicial functions in China. – Necessity for the erection of a jail at Canton and at Shanghai. – Present state and immediate prospects of Canton. – Shanghai. – Non interference of American citizens in the domestic troubles of China. – Refers to two notes addressed by the Rebel Chiefs to H. B. M.'s Consul, as being worthy of perusal. – Correspondence between R. J. Sturgis, Esqr. H. B. M.'s Vice Consul, and Comm. Abbot.
			Annexed to this despatch are the following papers. – A list of the

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papers sent.—2. Copy of letter of 9.th Decr. '54, from Mr. Mc L. to Dr. Parker, authorizing him to act as Commissioner and Chargé d'Affaires.—3. Copy of letter of 15.th Nov.r '54, from Sir J. Bowring to Mr. Mc L., acknowledging certain services rendered by him, &c.—4. Copy of letter of 27.th Nov.r '54, from Mr. Mc L. to Consul Murphy, relative to the purchase of rice by American merchants.—5. Copy of letter of 5.th Decr. '54 from Mr. Bancroft to Mr. Mc L., relative to the delegation of the judicial functions exercised by U.S. Consuls in China, and to the non-interference of our citizens in the domestic troubles of that country.—6. Translation of a letter of the 4.th Decr. '54, from Gov.r Keih to Mr. McL., relative to the erection of a certain brick wall.—7. Copy of a letter of same date from Consul Murphy to Mr. Mc L., relative to the completion of the wall above referred to, &c, and to the Duty receipts.—8. Copy of letter of 9.th Decr. '54, from McLr. McL. to Consul Murphy, relative to duty receipts, and to a decree submitted for his consideration.—9. Copy of a letter of 14.th Decr. '54, from Dr. Parker to Consul Murphy, relative to Mr. Mc L.'s departure for Europe, to two copies of certain notifications and regulations, and to a decree relating to attachments.—10. Copy of letter of same date from Dr. P. to Consul Hyatt, relative to transmission of Mr. Mc L.'s "Notification" and "Regulations" of 5.th Decr. '54, and to his departure for Europe.—11. Copy of letter of 14.th Decr. '54, from Dr. P. to Consul Jones, relative to Mr. Mc L.'s departure for Europe, to a despatch for the Vice Roy, Wang, and to other documents, &c.—12. Copy of letter of 5.th Jan.y '55, from Dr. P. to Gov.r Keih, acknowledging receipt of his letter to Mr. Mc L., of 4.th Decr. '54.—13. Copy of letter of 5.th Jan.y '55, from Dr. P. to Consul Murphy, relative to Gov.r Keih's letter of 4.th Decr. '54, to Mr. Mc L.—14. Translation of letter of 29.th Decr. '54, from Gov.r Keih to Mr. Mc L, relative to the stoppage of supplies to the rebels within the city of Shanghai.—15. Copy of a letter of the 23.d Decr. '54, from Dr. P. to Commr. Yee, relative to arrangements for the preservation of the foreign residences &c.—Translation of a letter of 26.th Decr. '54, from Commr. Yé to Dr. P., relative to same subject.—17. Copy of letter of 28.th Decr. '54, from Dr. P. to Commr. Yé, relative to same subject.—18. Copy of letter of same date from the same to the same, calling attention to irregularities on the part of the Chinese authorities in their manner of addressing those of the U.S.—19. Copy of letter of 22.d Decr. '54, from Sir J. Bowring to Capt. Abbot, to Sir J. Bowring and Dr. P., enclosing a memorandum of

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measures they propose for the defence and protection of foreign interests at Canton.—20. Copy of the memorandum of same date above referred to.—21. Copy of letter of 30th Decr, '54, from Dr P. to Capt. Abbot, relative to an engagement between the Imperialists and the Insurgents at Whampoa.—22. Copy of letter of 31st Decr., '54, from Capt. Abbot to Dr P., upon the same subject.—23. Copy of letter of 3d Jan'y, '55, from Dr P. to Capt. Abbot, acknowledging receipt of sundry papers, &c.—24. Copy of letter of 4th Jan'y, '55, from the same to the same, relative to a proclamation to citizens of the U.S. in the rebel service, and to a communication to the Rebel Chief.—25. Copy of letter of 6th Jan'y '55, from Capt. Abbot to Dr P. relative to the proclamation and to the communication to the Rebel Chief above referred to, to Capt. Abbot's reply to the resolutions of the American merchants of Canton, to despatches from the Dept. of State, and to the ratified copy of the treaty with Japan.—26. Copy of letter of same date, from the same to the same, relative to Dr P.'s communications to the Rebel Chief.—27. Copy of letter of same date from Dr P. to Capt. Abbot, relative to the same subject, and to the communication between Whampoa and Canton having been cut off by the rebels, &c.—28. Copy of letter of 10th Jan'y, '55, from same to same, relative to an apprehended attack upon Canton.—29. Copy of letter of 9th Jan'y. '55, from Dr P. to Mr Cook, relative to dismission of Am. citizens in the employment of the Rebel Chief.—30. Copy of letter of 7th Jan'y '55, from Mr Cook to Dr P., giving an account of the engagement between the Imperialists and Rebels at Whampoa on that day.—31. Copy of a letter of 29th Decr. '54, from Dr P. to Sir J. Bowring, relative to question of jurisdiction over two seamen claiming to be British subjects.—32. Copy of letter of 6th Jan'y. '55, from Sir J. B. to Dr P., relative to same subject.—33.—Copy of Dr P.'s proclamation to certain American citizens in China, of 4th Jan'y. '55.—34. Copy of letter of 4th Jan'y '55, to Chien Kwen Leang, relative to the entering of citizens of the U.S. into his service.—35. Copy of letter of 3d Jan'y '55, from Sir J. Stirling and Capt. Abbot to the Chief of the Insurgent force at Blenheim Reach, relative to the exile of foreigners in China.—36 Translation [illegible]

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Chief of the rebel forces, under date of the 3.d Jan.y '55.—37. Rev.d Mr. Preston's marriage certificate, of 19.th Decr. '54.—38. Copy of letter of 11.th Jan.y '55, from Dr. P. to the merchants and other citizens of the U.S. at Canton, relative to defence and protection of foreign interests at Canton.—39. Translation of a communication of 1.st Oct.r '54, from Chin Hun Leang, Rebel Chief, to Mr. Robertson, U.S. Mr.s Consul at Canton, in justification of the rebellion, &c.—40. Translation of a letter of 6.th Decr. '54, from the same to the same, setting forth the object of the rebels.

3. April	22. 2	12.th Feb.y	Receipt of despatches No.s 11, 12, and 13.—The duty question.—Sends his correspondence on the same subject, with the merchants in Canton and the Consul at Shanghai.—Disposition of judicial cases.—The case of Thompson.—Sentence of two British seamen in the case of the "Science".—State of things at Fuh-Chow and Shanghai.—Position of civil and naval foreign officers in China.—His determination to adhere to the principles of strict and impartial neutrality towards the contending parties in China.—The Rebel Chief's notification of the 10.th of Feb.y, 1855, to England, France, and America.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers. 1. Copy of letter of 30.th Jan.y '55, from Russell & Co.s to Dr. Parker.—2. Copy of letter of same date from Dr. P. to Russell & Co.s.—3. Copy of letter of same date from Dr. P. to Messrs. Russell & Co.s, Nye Brothers & Co.s, et al.—4. Copy of letter of 1.st Feb.y '55, from same to same.—5. Extract from a letter of 31.st Jan.y '55, from Dr. P. to Consul Murphy.—6. Copy of letter to Consul Murphy from which the foregoing extract was taken.—7. Copy of letter of 2.d Decr. '54, from J. P. Cook to A. H. Bancroft.—8. Copy of statement, of same date, of the 1.st Mate of the bark "Science".—9. Copy of letter of 25.th Decr. '54, from Dr. P. to J. P. Cook.—10. Copy of a memorandum dated 25.th Decr. '54, and signed by Dr. P.—11. Copy of an agreement of same date signed by John Lewis, John Allgier, and others.—12. Copy of an agreement of same date signed by N. P. Pierce and F. B. Bird.—13. Copy of letter of same date from Dr. P. to Capt. Abbot.—14. Copy of letter of 30.th Decr. '54, from R. S. Sturgis to J. P. Cook, relative to the arrest of certain American seamen engaged in the Rebel service.—15. Copy of letter of 1.st Jan.y '55 from Vice Consul Sturgis to Dr. P., relative to James L. Seymour and Charles Thompson, two American citizens charged with the commission of piracy &c.—16. Copy of letter of 6.th Jan.y '55, from Dr. P. to Vice Consul Sturgis relative to same subject.—17. Copy of letter of same date

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relative to the movement of troops towards Canton.—38. Copy of letter of 15th Jan'y '55, from Comr. Abbot to Dr. P., transmitting certain resolutions.—39. Copy of the resolutions above referred to.—40 Copy of a Consular certificate in blank.—41. Copy of letter of 5th Feb'y, '55, from Capt. Endicott to Dr. P., relative to the protection of the "Spark" and other tow boats.—42. Copy of letter of 7th Feby, '55, from Dr. P. to Com. Abbot on same subject.—43. Copy of letter of same date from Comr. Abbot to Dr. P., on same subject. 44. Copy of letter of 8th Feb'y '55, from Dr. P. to Capt. Endicott, relative to same subject. 45. Copy of letter of 20th Jan'y '55, from Dr. P. to Vice Consul Fergis, relative to the communication between Shanghai and Canton.—46. Copy of letter of 15th Jan'y, '55, from Dr. P. to J. P. Cook, conveying a message for the Rebel Chief, Chin Keen Leang.—47. Copy of letter of 26th Jan'y '55, from Dr. P. to Messrs. Russell & Co., Frye Brothers, & Co., et al, communicating correspondence between the Legation and Capt. Endicott.—48. Copy of letter of 19th Jan'y '55, from J. B. Endicott to Dr. P., relative to the tow boat "Spark" &c.—49. Copy of letter of 20th Jan'y '55, from Dr. P. to Capt. Endicott, enclosing copy of a notification of that date addressed to the Rebel Chief at Shanghai.—50. Copy of the notification to the Rebel Chief above referred to, concerning the trade between the U.S. and China.—51 Copy of letter of 27th Jan'y, '55, from Dr. P. to Capt. Endicott, relative to towing Chinese Junks and boats.—52. Translation of a letter of the 11th Jan'y '55, from Chin Keen Leang to Dr. P., relative to the employment of stm. steamers in towing Imperial men-of-war, &c.—53. Translation of notice of 10th Feb'y '55, issued by Chin Keen Leang, relative to the removal of goods belonging to England, France, and the U.S. from Canton.—54. Copy of letter of 1st Feb'y, '55, from Lt. Rodgers to Dr. P., relative to a certain bill left unpaid at the Island of Loo Choo, by Capt. Baker, of the stm. clipper ship "What Cheer".—55. Copy of letter of 9th Nov'r '54, from Mr. Moreton to Mr. McLane, relative to same subject.—56. Translation of a letter of 11th Dec'r, '54, from Hsiao Yueh Lin, relative to same subject.—57. Copy of letter of 8th Feb'y '55, from Dr. P. to Capt. Rodgers, upon the same subject.

Of these papers, those numbered from 1 to 6, inclusive, relate to unpaid duties at Shanghai; those numbered from 7 to 13, inclusive, relate to a mutiny on board of the bark "Science", and those numbered from 14 to 57, inclusive, relate to the various subjects mentioned in the synopsis.

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5th May 1855.	28	19th April 1855.	Tendering his resignation of the office of Commissioner of the United States to China.
21st "	29	" "	Transmitting an account current of expenditure under the special credit given to him for 10,000$ with the Messrs. Baring Brothers, & Co. Sent to Mr. Stubbs 22d. May '55
" "	2 Nos. Encl.	" "	Transmitting an account current of the contingent expenses of his Legation from 18th Oct. 1853, to 19th Apl. 1855. Sent to Mr. Stubbs 22d. May 55.
" "	25½	31st March	Enclosing communication relative to the case of the barque "Caldera"
			Annexed to this despatch is a letter of the 9th Decr. 54, from Messrs. Frye, Brothers & Co. et al to Mr. McLane, relative to the case of the "Caldera"
" "	P.P. 3	13th "	Cancellation of the obligations given by U.S. merchants as security for unpaid duties at Shanghai.—Illegal use of the U.S. flag.—Notification by the Rebel Chiefs of a quasi blockade.—Measures adopted to remedy the existing disorders at Canton.—Position of the French and English Governments in China.—His correspondence with the Governor of Macao relative to several Portuguese vessels that have been molested by the Chinese.—Rebels routed by the Imperialists from the neighborhood of Whampoa.—Prospect of more quiet at Canton.
			Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 15th Feb'y '55, from Consul Murphy to Dr. Parker.—2. Copy of letter of 26th Feb'y '55, from Rufell & Co. to Dr. P.—3. Copy of letter of 13th Feb'y '55, from Rufell & Co. to Consul Murphy.—4. Letter of 14th Feb'y from Wetmore & Co. to Dr. P.—5. Copy of letter of 9th Feb'y '55, from Wetmore & Co. to Consul Murphy.—6. Copy of letter of same date from Consul Murphy to Wetmore & Co.—7. Copy of letter of 14th Feb'y '55, from Wetmore & Co. to Consul Murphy.—8. Copy of letter of 26th Feb'y '55, from Dr. P. to Wetmore & Co.—9. Copy of letter of

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Feb.ʸ '55, from R.P. Dana to Dʳ P.—10. Copy of letter of 26.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55, from Dʳ P. to R.P. Dana.—11. Copy of letter of same date from Dʳ P. to Consul Murphy.—12. Copy of letter of 5.ᵗʰ March, '55, from same to same.—13. Copy of letter of same date from Dʳ P. to R.S. Sturgis.—14. Letter of same date from Com. Abbot to Dʳ P.—15. Copy of a Consular certificate, signed by R.S. Sturgis, of 24.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55.—16. Copy of letter of 5.ᵗʰ March, '55, from Lt. Preble to Com. Abbot.—17. Copy of letter of same date from Com. Abbot to Lt. Preble.—18. Copy of a certificate of 5.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55, and signed by John Pascal Geoffrey.—19. Copy of letter of 6.ᵗʰ March, '55, from Dʳ P. to Com. Abbot.—20. Copy of letter of same date from Dʳ P. to Lt. Preble.—21. Copy of letter of 16.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55, from Dʳ P. to Chin Heen Seang.—22. Translation of a letter of 17.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55, from Chin and Ho Liet to Dʳ P.—23. Translation of letter of 7.ᵗʰ March, '55, from Chin Heen Seang to the U.S. Commissioner.—24. Copy of letter of 19.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55, from Com. Abbot to Dʳ P. relative to placing the steamer "Queen" at his service.—25. Copy of letter of 17.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55, from Dʳ P. to Com. Abbot, on same subject.—26. Copy of a letter from Dʳ P. to Mʳ. Marcy, relative to the manner in which Messrs. Hunt and Cook have discharged the duties of the office of Marshal for the Consular jurisdiction of Canton.—27. Copy of letter of 15.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ '55, from Dʳ Parker to Marshal Cook, relative to the discharge of Charles Thompson.—28. Copy of letter of 22.ᵈ Feb.ʸ '55, from Dʳ P. to Capt. Rodgers, with regard to a certain document in Chinese, and to his communication to the Japanese authorities.—29. Record of cases decided in the U. States Courts at Shanghai during the year 1853.—30. Returns of fees received at the U.S. Consulate at Shanghai for the six months ending 31.ˢᵗ Decʳ. '53.—31. Return of suits at Shanghai, from 1.ˢᵗ March to 31.ˢᵗ Decʳ.

Of these papers, those numbered from 1 to 13, inclusive, relate to the cancellation of certain bonds for unpaid duties at Shanghai; those numbered from 14 to 20, inclusive, relate to the illegal use of the U.S. flag; those numbered from 21 to 23, inclusive, have reference to a quasi blockade of which notice is given by the Rebel Chiefs; and the subjects of those numbered from 24 to 31, inclusive, are above set forth.

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1855 28th March	22	1854 26th Nov.	Sends correspondence with the U.S. Vice Consuls at Ningpo and Fuchow, with a copy of a circular instruction addressed to the respective Consuls of the U.S. at Shanghai, Ningpo, Fuchow, Amoy and Canton, concerning Judicial receipts and expenditures of their Consulates. Has no data to enable him to make a report on the subject for th Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy letter of 19th May '54, from Mr. McL. to Mr. McCartee, appointing h acting Consul, &c. for the port of Ningpo.—2. Copy of letter of 30th ulto. '54, from Mr. Hyatt to Mr. McL. informing him of his arrival at Amoy, and enclosing an order for the archives belonging to the Consulate.—3. Copy of letter of 21st May '54, from Mr. McL. to Mr. Hyatt, relative to his recognition as Consul by the Chinese authorities &c.—4. Copy of letter of 15th June, 53, from Mr. Marcy to Mr. Marshall, relative to the archives of the U.S. Consulate at Amoy.—5. Copy of letter of 30th May, '54, from Mr. McCartee to Mr. McL. relative to a notification of Mr. McCartee's appointment as Acting Consul, &c.—6. Copy of letter of same date, same to same, relative to the stoppage of the monthly pay of the "Pirate fleet," &c.—7. Copy of letter of 5th June, '54, from same to same, relative to the state of affairs at Ningpo, to his seizure of a flag on board of a Chinese boat, to the unintentional wounding of a Chinaman by an Am. citizen, named Miller, &c.—8. Copy of letter of 8th July, '54, from same to same, concerning a difficulty between the Portuguese and Chinese authorities.—9. Copy of letter of 10th July, '54, from same to same, giving an account of the attack made by the Portuguese upon the Chinese at Ningpo.—Copy of letter of 14th July, '54, from same to same, relative to same subject.—11. Translation of letter of same date from Twan, Superintendent &c. to Mr. McCartee, relative to same subject.—12. Copy of a demand made by the Portuguese Consul for the of Ningpo and Fuchow upon the Chinese authorities.—13. Copy

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			letter from Mʳ. Mᶜ.L. to Mʳ. McCarlee, relative to the quarrel between the Portuguese Consul and the Chinese Intendent, and to his drawing upon the Department of State for expense of erecting flag, &c.–14. Copy of letter of 1ˢᵗ. August, '54, from Mʳ. Mᶜ. Carlee to Mʳ. Mᶜ.L., relative to the difficulty between the Portuguese Consul and the Chinese Intendant.–15. Copy of letter of 20ᵗʰ. Sept.ʳ '54, from same to same, relative to same subject, to other occurrences at Ningpo, to the death of the Revᵈ. Josiah Good. dard, &c.–16. Copy of letter of 23ʳᵈ. Sept.ʳ '54, from Mʳ. Clark to Mʳ. Mᶜ.L., relative to the obtaining of lands for building purposes at Foochow, and to his position at that Port.–17. Copy of letter of 3ʳᵈ. Oct.ʳ '54, from Mʳ. Mᶜ.L to Revᵈ. Robᵗ. S. Maclay, acknowledging the receipt of his letter of 18ᵗʰ. May, relative to the claim of his Mission against the Chinese Govᵗ.–18. Copy of letter of same date from Mʳ. Mᶜ.L. to Mʳ. Mᶜ. Carlee requesting him to advise Lᵗ. Stevens of Mʳ. Mᶜ.L's arrival at Shanghai, &c.–19. Copy of letter of 6ᵗʰ. Oct.ʳ '54, from Mʳ. Mᶜ. C. to Mʳ. Mᶜ.L., relative to a quarrel between an Am. citizen named Bomont and a Portuguese named Barrada, in which the former was shot, &c.–20. Copy of letter of 10ᵗʰ. Oct.ʳ '54, from Mʳ. Mᶜ.L. to Mʳ. Clark, advising him that Mʳ. Jones will relieve him from his temporary duties as Consular Agent at Foochow, &c.–21. Copy of letter of same date from Mʳ. Mᶜ.L. to Mʳ. Mᶜ. Carlee, concerning certain Am. citizens engaged in the business of convoying Country vessels of the Chinese, and the protection at all times to be extended to Am. citizens.–22. Copy of Mʳ. Mᶜ.L.'s Circular to Consuls, of 25ᵗʰ. Novʳ. '54, relative to the pecuniary receipts and expenditures of their Consulates.
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4ᵗʰ. June	30	19ᵗʰ. Apl.	His letter of resignation.– Has drawn upon the Department for his return allowance, and has closed and transmitted his accounts.
4ᵗʰ. March		5ᵗʰ. March.	Enclosing certain vouchers to be filed with the accounting officers of the Treasury.

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23d June 1855	4	9th April 1855	Sends copy of the correspondence of the legation up to the date of his despatch. State of his health.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers. 1. Copy of a letter of 24th Feb. 55, from Isidore F. Guimarães to Dr. P. relative to the recovery of some Portuguese Sorchas detained by the Insurgents.—2. Copy of letter of 2d March 55, from same to same, relative to the purchase of some rice, the blockade, and Gs's determination to prevent any conveyance of arms or ammunition to Canton.—3. Copy of letter of 5th March '55, from Dr. P. to Governor Guimarães, relative to the recovery of the Sorchas above referred to.—4. Copy of letter of same date from Joel Abbot Esq. Dr. P., relative to same subject.—5. Copy of letter of same date from Dr. P. to Com. Abbot same subject.—6. Copy of letter of 6th March, from Dr. P. to Gov. Guimarães same subject.—7. Copy of a letter of 8th March, 55, from Gov. G. to Dr. P., relative to the same matter.—8. Copy of a letter of 14th Feb. 55, from Consul Murphy to Dr. P. relative to our neutrality, the right of Chinese subjects to reside in foreign settlements, the French attack upon Shanghai, compensation to Missioneries for houses which they had abandoned.—9 Translation of a letter of 20th Decr. 54, from Lew Chewen to the Consuls of G.B. and the U.S. relative to the surrender of Shanghai to the French.—10. Translation of a letter of the 9th Jan. 55, from Chuen Ganpang to same, relative to the French attack upon Shanghai and to the interposition of the U.S. & G.B. in behalf of the rebels.—11. Copy of letter signed by Consul Murphy and addressed to Lew et al. upon same subject.—12 Copy of a letter of 11th Decr. '54, from Consuls Alcock and Murphy to Lew, Hae and Chin, relative to the collision between them and the French naval forces. 13. Translation of a letter of the 23d Decr. '54, to Consul Murphy, relative to a place of encampment for the Imperial soldiers &c.—14. Copy of a letter of Jan. 5 '55, from Consul Murphy to Dr. Keil, same subject.—15 Copy of

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	1855		1855	of 15th. Decr. '54, from Consul Murphy to the American residents at Shanghai, relative to the siege and blockade of that city by the French.—16. Translation of a letter of the 14th. Decr. '54, signed A. Laguerre, declaring the existence of a state of siege between the Rebels and the French.—17. Copy of a printed title deed (in use) for the renting of land.—18. A document [probably the same] in Chinese.—19. Copy of letter of 12th. March, 1855, from Consul Murphy to Dr. P., relative to the cancellation of bonds at Shanghai, &c. &c.—20. Copy of letter of 1st Apl. '55, from Dr. P. to Consul Murphy, relative to same subject, and to returns of Judicial fees.—21. Copy of letter of 27th Feb'y, 1855, from Consul Mr. Carter to Dr. P. relative to the delivery of the archives of the U.S. Consulate at Ningpo to the Rev. M. S. Knowlton.—22. Copy of letter from D. B. Robertson to Dr. P. relative to H. B. M.'s Consulate at Canton, &c.—23. Copy of a letter of 31st March, '55, from Messrs. Russell & Co. et al. to Dr. P. relative to the establishment of lights and beacons for the port of Shanghai.—24. Copy of a letter of the 21st March, '55, from Dr. P. to Capt. Peck, relative to a certain Charter Party.
1st	June	5	12th April	The precarious state of his health.—May be under the necessity of leaving China by the steamer of the 15th. of May.—In the event of his being compelled to leave before the return of Mr. McLane, Commr. Abbot will be requested to attend to such matters as may occur affecting the interests of our Government or our citizens in China. Annexed to this despatch is the copy of a certificate of the 10th. of Apl., 55, from Doctors Dickson, Kerr, and Watson, with regard to the state of Dr. Parker's health.
4th	July	to No. 7	7th March	Encloses regulations for the Consular Courts of the U.S. in China with a notification on the same subject, for submission to Congress, for revision. Annexed to this despatch are the regulations of the 5th. Decr. 1854 and the notification above referred to.
4th	"	6	4th May	Refers to his letter of 12th. April, and says that he will return to the U.S. by the Steamer of the 10th. May. Has made over the books and archives of the Legation to Robert J. Sturgis Esq. &c. &c.

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From Hon.ble J. C. Dobbin, Sec.y		4th Sept.r	Enclosing despatch No. 21 of 1st June 1855 to him from Commodore Joel Abbot, favorable to the contract of Conrad Murphy, and relating to the collection and payment of duties at Shanghai.
10th October.		8th Oct.r	Receipt of despatch No. 2. Expects to embark from Boston on the 10th Oct.r and to leave England for China on the 4th Nov.r. Despatches by the steamer of the 22d Oct.r will reach him in time. Is desirous of having the decision of the Dept. upon the Shanghai unpaid duty question and that of the Atty General upon the act of the 11th Augt. 1848.
	2	20th Sept.r	Relative to the revision of our treaty with China
	3	25th "	Says that the internal condition of China involves many principles of international law and politic expediency and of commercial and personal rights, that he is induced to request that the official opinion of the Attorney General on the subject generally, and specifically in certain particulars, be obtained.
	4	27th "	Relative to the furnishing of two steamers adapted to the waters of the coast of China.
	5	" "	Recommends that an appropriation of $25,000 be made by Congress for the erection of stores at the five Free Ports of China &c.— that provision be made for the appointment and pay of U. S. Marshals in China; that provision also be made for furnishing the several Consuls in China with Interpreters; and that the salary of the Secretary of Legation and Chinese Interpreter be raised from $2,500 to $4,500 per annum.
	1	17th "	Propounding sundry questions touching the jurisdiction of the Commissioner in China; his contract with

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				regard to the question of the U.S. flag in the case presented in his despatch No. 3, of the 18th March, 1855, the employment of foreign officers in the Chinese customhouse at Shanghai &c., &c., &c.
	9th Nov.		26th Oct.	Confidential. - Giving the purport of the conversation which took place between him and Lord Clarendon on the 26th Oct. '55. - Minutes of the interview annexed to Dr.
	9th Oct.	1	30th July	Recte 4th Aug. Com. Abbot / Receipt of communication of 10th Apl. last, with two copies of an act to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamers and other vessels, one copy of an act to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the U.S., and a letter from Dr. Parker on the subject of the affairs of the Legation. - Interests of Americans at Canton during Messrs. McLane and Parker's absence from the Legation. - Mr. McLane. - Defence of Canton. - Dr. Parker's instructions to our Consuls before his departure from China. - Receipt of communications from the Consuls of the U.S. at Foochow-foo and Ningpo. - Dr. Macgowan, do. do. - Consul Murphy. The change effected in the currency at Shanghai. - Interpreters. The new Consular Bill. - Dr. Macgowan. - Dr. McCartee as U.S. Consul at Ningpo. - Printed document with regard to the currency.
				Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of a letter of 30th Apl. '55 from Dr. Parker to Com. Abbot, relative to having the "Powhatan" at Hong Kong at a certain time, to the state of Dr. P's health &c. - 2. Copy of letter of 29th May, '55, from Consul Jones to Com. Abbot relative to the troubles of the English merchants at Foo-Chow-foo in settling for land, to an act of the British Parliament allowing seamen at any time to leave the merchant service, &c., to the number of American ships in port, and to the establishment of a foreign Inspectorship of Customs at that place. - 3. Copy of a letter of the 13th June, '55, from Com. Abbot to Consul Jones, relative to the act of Parliament and to Inspectorship of Customs above referred to, and to the duty

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1st December		8th Nov.	Refers to his despatch of the 26th Oct. relative to his interview with Lord Clarendon on that day. Has this

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day spent an hour most satisfactorily with Count Walewski, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, who received him with much cordiality, and, on stating his object in waiting on him and explaining the policy which it is the wish of our Govt. to preserve towards China, expressed entire concurrence therewith in every particular, and volunteered to instruct the French authorities in China accordingly. - Stated the fact that he bears to the Emperor of China a letter from the President of the U.S. in which allusion is made to the residence of the representative of the U.S. at Peking, and suggested that a similar letter be addressed to His Imperial Majesty by the Emperor of the French, adding his conviction of the influence such letters coming simultaneously from the Chief Rulers of France, and England, and America, are calculated to produce upon His Imperial Majesty at Peking. The suggestion rec'd. most cordially by Count W., who proposed at once to correspond with Lord Clarendon on the subject, and made many enquiries respecting the Manchow Dynasty, the succession to the Throne, the rebellion, &c. &c. - Remarked to His Excellency that the course events had recently taken in the Crimea might operate favorably in relation to China, since the English and French naval forces might anchor as well for a fortnight in the Gulf of Pichele, whilst negotiations were pending, as in the harbor of Hong Kong. - To this H.E. also assented, the object of the force being purely to give prestige to the negotiation. - Mr. P. learns that Mr. de Bourboulon, the French Minister in China, is soon to return to Paris, and that Count de Courcy, Secy. of Legation, is to be left in charge - that M. Montigny, French Consul at Shanghai, now in Paris, is about to return with power to negotiate with Siam a treaty similar to that of G.B. and that two national vessels are to be at his service for the occasion. Says that it appears by late news from China that Sir

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1855		1855	J. Bowring had sent his Sec.y in H. Bl.y's steamer Rattler, as Dr. P. infers, on a preliminary visit to Cochin China, which may probably, as well as Siam, deserve the attention of the U. S. Govt.— Proceeds to-morrow evening with his private Sec.y, Mr. L. Oliphant Vail, to Marseilles — thence embark in the steamer "Alhambra" for Malta — and then take the "Euxine" for Alexandria, en route to China. — His health improved since leaving the U. S. Receipt of despatch No. 3, of 4th Oct.r, with the accompanying decision of the Attorney General.
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24th January	2	13th Nov.r	[From Com. Abbot] Receipt of communication of 28th June last, advising him of the appointment of S. Wells Williams, Esq.r, Sec.y and Interpreter &c. and requesting him to turn over the archives of the Mission to Mr. W. Has done this, &c. Speaks of correspondence with Sir John Bowring relative to the taking of a man from the Am. barque "Reindeer", where he had been confined for desertion and mutinous conduct. Mr. Williams, at present, willing to act as Interpreter only.
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6th March		5th March	From R. M. McLane. — Enclosing certain vouchers to be filed with the accounting officers of the Treasury.
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24th January		1st Nov.r	From S. Wells Williams. — Receipt of his commission, &c., as Secretary of Legation, &c. Has taken charge of the archives of the Legation. His appointment. The inadequacy of the salary, &c. &c.
10th March		13th Decr.	From Mr. Williams. — Receipt of despatch advising him of Dr. Parker's appointment, and directing that the books and archives of the Legation be handed over to him on his arrival at Canton. Sixteenth volume of the publications connected with Wilkes' Expedition [illegible] the Chinese Govt. Retention of [illegible] vols until they can be [illegible]

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1856		1856 14th Jan.y	Confidential.- Russian influence at Peking.- Policy and conduct of the U.S. towards China.- Cession of the left bank of the Amoor to the Russian Govt. by China.- Russian forces in Chinese territory.- Manner of conducting his negotiations. Mr Murphy.
1st March	1	"	His arrival at Hong Kong &c.- Shall temporarily establish the Legation at Macao.- Commerce at the five ports improved.- Internal state of the country deplorable- plague- fresh rebellion- famine. Dr Williams decided to continue in the discharge of his office of Secy and Interpreter for the present year.- Chinese Coolie Trade- Case of the American ship "Waverley". Want of U.S. naval forces on the China station. Controversy between Mr Keenan and the Colonial Authorities at Hong Kong, concerning the internal discipline on board of an American ship at that place.- Concurrence of views of the policy to be pursued by Western Govts towards China between Sir John Bowring and himself &c. Chinese expecting and prepared to make important concessions, and are anticipating the subject of the revision of the treaty. Convoy of Chinese trading vessels.- Suppression of piracy. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of a letter of the 31st Decr. '55, from Dr Parker to Mr. Williams, directing him to announce Dr P.'s appointment &c. to the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs &c.- 2. Copy of Dr P.'s public notification of 10th Jan.y '56, concerning the Coolie Trade.- 3. Copy of the Hong-Kong Govt Gazette of the 5th Jan.y 1856.
"	2	"	Mr. Murphy en route for the United States. His conferences with him in relation to the Duty Question and his official duties at Shanghai generally. Commends to the favorable consideration of the Department Mr. Murphy's application for an adequate support &c. Chinese authorities have demanded the arrest in the Duty Question &c. Dr Fish.

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1856. 25th April	6	1856. 13th Feb.y	Respect of the early settlement of the duty question at Shanghai.- Embarrassment from the absence of Consular judicial power at that port. Unsatisfactory state of affairs at Fuh-Chow. Annexed to this despatch is the copy of a letter of the 6th Feb.y '56, from Mr. Fish to Dr. Parker, relative to duty question and want of judicial power, and the copy of a letter of the 31st Dec.r '56, from Mr. Jones to Dr. Parker concerning the unsatisfactory state of affairs at Fuh-Chow.
	3	25th Jan.y	Foreign Inspectors in the Chinese Customhouse at the port of Shanghai. Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the subject is the copy of two letters of the 25th of Jan.y '56, from Dr. Parker to Vice Consul Mr. W. Fish.
26th "	4	12th Feby.	Transmits correspondence relative to our affairs at Canton Amoy, Fuh-Chow, and Shanghai.- Commissioner Yei's communication relative to Dr. P.'s return to China the Coolie Trade, official interviews, &c. His proposed visit to Canton. Incidentally mentions case of the Chilian bark Caldera and special grievances at Amoy and Fuh-Chow.- Invites attention to accompanying documents regarding the Coolie Trade. No U.S. vessel of war in the China waters.- Sir John Bowring's instructions to go to Japan. The Coreans.- Blank full powers for Dr. P. to negotiate with various countries of Southeastern Asia. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers. 1. Copy of a letter of 5th Jan.y '56, from Dr. Parker to Gov.r Yeh, announcing his arrival in China, &c.- 2. Copy of a letter of the 12th Jan.y '56, Dr. Parker to Mr. Williams, relative to the manner in which he announced Dr. P.'s arrival to the Chinese Govt.- 3. Copy of a letter of the 19th Jan.y '56 from Dr. P. to Gov.r Yeh, relative to Dr. P.'s appointment &c. to the Coolie Trade, &c.- 4. Translation of a letter of the 30th Jan.y '56 from Gov.r Yeh to Dr. P. relative to Dr. P.'s return to Canton

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ent to his notification concerning the traffic in Coolies.—5. Letter of 17th Jan'y, '56, from Capt. Pope to Dr. Parker.—6. Copy of a letter of the 18th Jan'y 56, from Dr. P. to Capt. Pope.—7. Copy of a letter of the 12th Jan'y '56, from Mr. Hyatt to Dr. P.—8. Copy of a letter of 26th Nov'r '56, from Dr. P. to Mr. Hyatt.—9. Translation of a letter of 13th Decr. '55, from Gov. Yeh to Consul Sturges.—10. Letter from Mr. Williams to Mr. Hyatt.—11. Copy of letter of 20th Nov'r 55, from Capt. Pope to Com. Abbot.—12. Copy of letter of 26th Nov'r 55, from the same to the Taoutae of Amoy.—13. Copy of a note of 3d Decr. 55, from the same to the same.—14. Translation of a letter of 6th Decr. '55, from the Taoutae of Amoy to Capt. Pope.—15. Copy of letter of 11th Decr. '55, from Capt. Pope to the Taoutae.—16. Copy of a letter of 15th Decr. '55, from the same to Com. Abbot.—17. Copy of letter of 19th Jan'y '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones.—18. Copy of letter of 9th Nov'r 55, from Capt. Pope to Com. Abbot.—19. Copy of letter of 5th Decr. '55, from Consul Jones to the Acting Prefect Chu.—20. Copy of letter of 19th Decr. '55, from the same to Com. Abbot.—21. Copy of letter of 17th Jan'y '56, from the same to Dr. Parker.—22. Copy of letter of 31st Jan'y 56, from Dr. P. to Consul Jones.—23. Copy of letter of same date from the same to His Excellency Marcy &c.—24. Copy of letter of 19th Jan'y '56, from Dr. P. to Mr. Keih.—25. Copy of letter of 14th Jan'y '56, from Mr. Humphry to Mr. Keih.—26. Copy of a letter of 18th Jan'y 56, from Dr. P. to Gov. Keih.—27. Copy of letter of 19th Jan'y '56, from the same to the same, relative to Dr. P.'s return to China and the revision of our treaty with that country.—28. Copy of circular of 24th Jan'y 56, from Dr. P. to U.S. Consuls in China.—29. Copy of letter of 7th Jan'y 56, from Mr. Bagford to Dr. P.—30. Copy of letter of 14th Jan'y 56, from Dr. P. to Mr. Bagford.—31. Copy of a despatch of 31st Oct. 55, from Lord Clarendon to Sir J. Bowring.—32. Copy of a despatch of 7th Augt. 55, from Mr. Crawford to the Earl of Clarendon.—33. Copy of Hongkong Gazette, of 2d Feb'y 56.—34. Proclamation issued by the Scholars and Merchants of Amoy.—35. Translation of a paper first published in Canton in Oct. 55.—36. Translation into Chinese of Dr. P.'s notification of 10th Jan'y 56.—37. Copy of letter of 12th Jan'y 56, from Dr. P. to Lieut. Gwathmey.—38. Letter of 13th Jan'y 56, from Lieut. Gwathmey to Dr. P. 39. Letter of 14th Jan'y 56, from Capt. Pope to Dr. Parker. Of the foregoing papers, those numbered from 5 to 16, inclusive, relate to difficulties in obtaining coolies for Cuba at Amoy; those numbered from 17 to 23, inclusive

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			relate to the state of affairs at Foo-Chow; those numbered from 24 to 26, inclusive, relate to unpaid duties at Shanghai; those numbered from 28 to 36, inclusive, relate to the Coolie Trade; and those numbered from 37 to 39, inclusive, have reference to Dr. P.'s application for a passage from Hong Kong to Macao in the "Macedonian."
	5	12th Feb.	Confidential. His arrival at Macao. Civilities received at the hands of the British, Portuguese and U.S. officials, &c.
13th May	7 bis	13th March	Defeat of the Imperialists at the North &c. Encloses despatch from His Ex. Keih, and a copy of his (Dr. P.'s) despatch to Commissioner Yeh. Will give full particulars of his visit to Canton in his next despatch. The U.S. naval force for the China Station. Receipt of Secretary Dobbin's note of 19th Nov., &c.
			Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Translation of a letter of 4th Feb. '56, from Gov. Keih to Dr. P. relative to his appointment as Commissioner, &c.—2. Copy of note of 8th March '56, from Dr. P. to Commr. Yeh, relative to his declining to grant the Dr. an interview.
24th "	6 bis	11th "	Encloses documents relating to the Coolie Trade, to be placed with other papers relating to the same subject forwarded in his last despatch [No. 4]. Will forward the correspondence of the past month by the next mail.
			Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the Coolie Trade are the following papers. 1. Order of the Govr. of Macao, of 12th Septr. '55.—2. Edict of same, of 14 July '55.—3. Order of same, of 10th Novr. '55.—4. Paper headed "Portuguese enactments and regulations respecting Coolies."
24th June	8	5th April	Sends correspondence of the Legation.—Invites attention to his decision in the case of Leong King Kwa and others vs. W. C. Hunter and I. Drinker, and to his decision in case of A. Heard & Co. vs. R. C. Murphy.—Case of A. R. Moses.—Failure of Messrs. Nye Brothers & Co. at Canton, and of a British firm at Shanghai. Foreign ex-

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Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Index of papers cont.—2. Repared statement of Leong King Kwa, 24th. Oct. '55. 3. Additional communication to Mr. Perry from Leong King Kwa, 25th. Oct. '55.—4. Petition of Leong King Kwa, vs. Hunter & Drinker, 25th. Jan., '55. 5. R. P. Dana to P. P.—notice of appeal—case of Leong King Kwa, 30th. Jan'y. '56. 6.—P. P. to O. H. Perry, Leong King Kwa case, 24th. Jan'y. '56.—8. P. P. to O. H. Perry P. P.'s views on Leong King Kwa's case, 14th. Feb'y. '56.—9. Appeal from decision of U. S. Consul in the Leong King Kwa case, 14th. Feb'y. '56.—10. P. P. to O. H. Perry, remitting case of Leong King Kwa, 14th. Feb'y. '56.—11. A. Heard to P. P. in reference to validity of duty receipts, 8th. Feb'y. '56.—12. P. P. to A. H. & Co. same subject, 14th. Feb'y. '56.—13. A. H. & Co. to P. P., same subject, 21st. Feb'y. '56. 14. Copy of correspondence between R. C. Murphy and A. H. & Co. (duty receipts) 24th. Jan'y. '55.—15. A. R. B. Moses to P. P., notice of arrival, &c., 1st. Jan'y. '56.—16 P. P. to A. R. B. M., stating petition in relation to his creditors, &c. 7th. Jan'y. '56.—17 P. P. to O. H. Perry, enclosing communication from A. R. B. Moses, 7th. Jan'y. '56.—18. P. P. to O. H. P. relative to Mr. B. Moses' case, 11th. Jan'y. '56.—19. O. H. P. to P. P., same subject, 16th. Jan'y. '56.—20. P. P. to O. H. P. same subject, 19th. Jan'y. '56.—21. A. R. B. Moses to P. P. enclosing statement of account, 5th. March, '56.—22. Statement of account of sale of Isaac Moses & Brother, 26th. Feb'y. '56.—23. Address to creditors of A. R. B. Moses, 29th. Jan'y '56.—24. P. P. to A. R. B. M., extracting from

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			O. H. P. to P. P., same subject, 16th Feb: 56.–57. Mr. Curry to O. H. P., same subject, 12th Feb: 56.–58. O. H. P. to Lé Ngán, same subject, 20th Feb: 56.–59. O. H. P. to P. P. requesting him to stay at his house, &c., 24th Feb: 56.–60. P. P. to O. H. P., receipt of favor of 24th, 25th Feb: 56.–60. Same to same, arrival of the Badalia at Macao 5th March, 56.–61. P. P. to J. C. Dobbin, receipt of note of 19th Nov: 55, 13th March, 56.–62. J. C. Dobbin to P. P. relative U. S. naval force in the East Indies and China seas, 17th Nov: 55.–63. P. P. to J. C. Dobbin relative to naval storekeeper's appointment, 13th March, 56.–64. P. P. to F. B. Cutting, relative to barque "Caldera", same date.–65. Same to Mr. Dodge, relative to case of the "Waverly", 14th March, 1856.
4th June	9	10th April	Refers to his Nos. 4 and 7, on subject of an interview with the Imperial Commissioner Yé. His visit to Canton. His despatch to Comr. Yé.–Remarks upon the conduct of Comr. Yé and his want of attention in answering communications addressed to him by the representatives of foreign Governments.–Case of the Chilian barque "Caldera".–Mr. J. J. Roberts' claim. Affairs improving at Fish Chow.–Action of the U. S. in the Coolie Trade.–Kingpo. The Coolie Trade. Abuse of the American flag.–Judicial authority to acting Consuls or Vice Consuls of the U. S. in China. His despatches to Comr. Yé, of 8th and 31st March. The rebellion in China. Coinage of Dollars in China.–The liabilities of Messrs. Nye, Brothers, and Co.–Receipt of President's Message, &c.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of Dr. Parker's address to U. S. merchants at Canton, 8th March, 56.–2. Copy of note of 31st March, 56, from Dr. P. to Comr. Yé, relative to his letter of 8th March, asking an interview, to the case of the barque "Caldera" and to J. J. Roberts' claim.–3. Copy of letter of 3 Dec. 55, from Mr. Cutting to Dr. P. relative to case of the "Caldera".–4. Copy of letter of 27th March, 56, from Consul Jones to Dr. P., relative to affairs at Fish Chow, &c.–5. Translation of letter of 23rd March 56 from His Ex. Wang to Dr. P. concerning affairs at Fish Chow.–6. Extract from private letter of 6th of 4th Mo. containing Coolie trade.–7. Copy of circular No. 2. of 29th Feb: 56, relative to illegal use of the U. S. flag.–8. Copy of letter of 12th March, 56, from Dr. P. to Consul Jones and others, containing judicial authority to acting Consuls and Vice Consuls of the U. S. in China.–9. Printed [illegible] 31st March, 56.

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5th July 1856	7	1st March 1856	Sends balance of correspondence of his legation for 1855. Abuse of the U. S. flag. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 31st March '55, from R. S. Sturgis to Dr. Parker. 2. Copy of letter of 26th March '55, from same to Com. Abbot. 3. Copy of letter of 27th March '55, from Com. Abbot to Mr. Sturgis. 4. Copy of letter of 28th March '55, from Mr. Sturgis to Com. Abbot. 5. Copy of letter of same date from Com. Abbot to Mr. Sturgis. 6. Copy of letter of 27th March '55, from Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co. to Dr. Parker. 7. Copy of letter of 30th March '54, from G. J. E. Smith to Messrs. A. Heard & Co. 8. Copy of letter of 27th March '54, from J. W. Dearborn and others to Mr. Murphy. 9. Copy of certificate of 30th March '54, signed by C. W. Rabbit and others. 10. Copy of letter of 29th May, from Consul Murphy to Capt. Smith. 11. Copy of letter of March 6, '55, from Consul Murphy to A. Heard & Co. 12. Copy of letter of 29th March '55, from Frye, Brothers & Co. to the U. S. Commissioner, relative to port charges at Shanghai on ships Nightingale and Staghound. 13. Copy of letter of 10th Feb., '55 from Wall, Frye & Co. to the Inspector of Customs at Shanghai, same subject. 14. Copy of letter of 12th April '55, from Dr. Parker to Mr. McLane, relative to the state of Dr. P.'s health, &c. 15. Copy of letter of same date from same to Mr. Miller, acknowledging receipt of letter enclosing his accounts. 16. Copy of letter of 30th April '55, from the same to Mr. Murphy, relative to Mr. McLane's return to China, &c. 17. Copy of letter of same date from same to Com. Abbot, relative to the having of the Powhatan at Hong Kong, &c. 18. Copy of letter of 4th May, from the same to Commr. Yeé, advising him that Dr. P. was about to quit China, &c. 19. Translation of letter of 5th May, from Comr. Yeé to Dr. P., acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 4th inst. 20. Copy of letter of 24th March '55 from Mr. McCartee to Dr. P. relative to [illegible] 21. Copy letter of [illegible]

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			Of the foregoing papers, those numbered from 1 to 5, inclusive, relate to abuse of the U. S. flag; and those numbered from 6 to 11, inclusive, relate to the barque Mermaid.
9th July	11	7th May	Coöperation of England and France with the U. S. in the revision of the Treaties with China. No American vessel of war now on that Station. Contemplates addressing the Imperial Commissioner one more despatch on the subject of the revision of treaty &c. His wish to proceed to each of the northern ports, &c, &c. Extension of the jurisdiction of the Commissioner to China to the Colony of Hong Kong, &c. The rebellion in China. Improved state of feeling towards foreigners. Commissioner Yeh's Conduct towards them. The Coolie Trade. Revision of the treaty.
"	10	6th "	Sends correspondence of Legation during the last month.- Payment of bills sterling embraced in the award of duty question at Shanghai.- Foreign Inspectorship at that port. Abuse of the U. S. flag.- Affair growing out of the case of insolvency of Messrs. Nye, & Brothers, & Co.- Sends copy of his note of 26th Oct. '55, with full minutes of his interview with Lord Clarendon on that boy.- Encloses communication respecting Judicial Consular fees; also the protest of Capt. Edward Murray Jefferson.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Paper headed "Schedule, despatch No. 10, 6th May, 1856."- 2. Translation of Proclamation of Govr. of Canton, relative to kidnapping of 14th Apl. 56.- 3. Copy of letter of 16th Apl. 56, from Gideon Nye, Jr., to Dr. Parker, touching a charge of fraud preferred against him (Mr. Nye) 4. Copy of letter of 18th Apl. 56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Nye, concerning the same subject.- 5. Copy of letter of 11th Apl. 58, from Consul Terry to Dr. Parker, enclosing decision in the case of King-kwa vs. Hunter and Drinker.- 6. Copy of decision of 10th Apl. 56, above referred to.- 7. Copy of letter of 21st Apl. 56, from Mr. Drinker to Dr. Parker, relative to case of King-kwa vs. Hunter and Drinker.- 8. Copy of letter of 23d Apl. 56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Drinker

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same subject.- 9. Copy of letter of 28th. Apl. '56, from Commodore Rootes to Dr. Parker relative to Mr. Rootes' return to the U.S.- 10. C of letter of 30th. Apl. '56, from Dr. Parker to Commodore Rootes, ac knowledging receipt of his letter of 28th. Apl. '56, &c.- 11. Copy of Le ter of 27th. March '56, from Consul Hyatt to Dr. Parker, relati to abuse of the U. S. flag.- 12. Copy of letter of 16th. Apl. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Hyatt, same subject.- 13. Copy of let ter of 19th. March '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, same subj 14. Copy of letter of 16th. Apl. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones relative to the state of affairs at Fah Chow, abuse of the U. flag, &c.- 15. Copy of letter of 8th. Apl. '56, from Consul Jones t Dr. Parker, relative to American affairs at Fah Chow.- 16. Copy of letter of 23d. Apl. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones, relative to same subject.- 17. Copy of letter of 5th. Apl. '56, from Mr. Fish to Dr. Parker, relative to payment of part of the award in the duty question.- 18. Copy of letter of same date from the same to the same, relative to Foreign Inspectorship at Shanghai. 19. Copy of letter of same date from the same to the same, ac knowledging receipt of despatch of 1st. March and of Circul No. 2.- 20. Copy of letter of 16th. Apl. '56, from same to same, relative to payment of part of award concerning duty ques 21. Copy of letter of same date from same to same, relative receipt of letter of 2d. Apl. concerning case of Workman an Gillfillan, and to draft for salary.- 22. Copy of letter of same date from same to same, relative to payment of certain bills sterling left in his [Mr. F.'s] possession.- 23. Copy of letter of Apl. '56, from same to same, same subject and claim in case of the "Mermaid" 24. Copy of letter of 15th. Apl. '56, from A. F. Heard to Mr. Fish, re tive to claim in case of the "Mermaid".- 25. Copy of letter of 16th. Apl. from A. Hurd & Co. to same, same subject. 26. Translation of letter of 20th. March from Lan Mei-Wan to the U. S. Consul relative to appointm of Foreign Inspectorat Shanghai.- 27. Copy of letter of 29th Apl. '56, from Dr. Parker to Fish, relative to [illegible]

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1856 18th Sept.	13	1856 7th June	His plans in relation to the revision of the treaty between the U.S. and China likely to be embarrassed if not defeated for want of suitable vessels at his command. The new steamer "Lily" and the Iron steamer brought out in the "Rolling Wave". Siam. British treaty with Siam. Exportation of rice from that country prohibited. Coolie Trade. Deaths and appointments of certain Chinese officers. The Rebellion. His despatch to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 24th May '56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Sampson, relative to the Coolie Trade. 2. Copy of letter of 20th May '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, concerning affairs at Shanghai.
"	12	4th June	Invites attention to certain correspondence relative to the revision of treaties with China. Te Deum on the occasion of the birth of a Prince Imperial of France. Question of jurisdiction in the case of two British subjects deserters from American merchantmen. Case of the Chilian barque "Caldera". Abuse of the U.S. flag. His decision in the matter of some promissory notes. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Index to despatch Nº. 12, of 4th June '56. 2. Copy of note of 2 May '56, from Dr. Parker to His Ex.ᵈ Yeh. 3. Copy of letter of 13th May '56, from same to Sir J. Bowring. 4. Copy of letter of same date from the same to the Count de Bourée. 5. Copy of letter of 16th May '56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. P. 6. Copy of letter of same date from same to His Ex.ᵈ Yeh. 7. Copy of letter of 18th May '56, from Count de Bourée to Dr. P. 8. Copy of letter of same date from the same to His Ex.ᵈ Yeh. 9. Translation of letter of same date from the same to Dr. P. 10. Translation of letter [same date] from the same to His Ex.ᵈ Yeh. 11. Translation of note of 28th May '56, from the same to Dr. P. relative to a certain Te Deum. 12. Copy of note of 29th May '56, from Dr. P. to the Count de Bourée, same subject. 13. Copy of note of 28th May '56, from Count de Bourée to Dr. P. same subject. 14. Copy of letter of 20th May

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			from Consul Perry to Dr. Parker.—15. Copy of letter of 19th May, '5
			from Mr. Winchester to Consul Perry.—16. Copy of letter of 16th May,
			'56, from Mr. Bird to Mr. Cook.—17. Copy of letter of same date from
			Mr. Cook to Mr. Bird.—18. Copy of letter of 19th May, '56, from Consul
			Perry to Mr. Winchester.—19. Copy of letter of 22d. May, '56, from Dr.
			to Consul Perry.—20. Copy of letter of same date from the same
			to Messrs. Russell & Co. and others, relative to the case of the
			Chilian barque "Callera".—21. Copy of letter of 12th. May, '56,
			from Dr. P. to Com. Armstrong, relative to his embarrassment
			for want of a suitable conveyance, &c. &c.—22. Copy of letter
			of 26th. May, '56, from Dr. P. to Consul Perry, &c. enclosing decree
			and regulations.—23. Copy of letter of 28th Apl. '56, from Consul
			Hyatt to Dr. P., relative to abuse of U. S. flag.—24. Copy of letter
			of 3d. May, '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. P., acknowledging receipt
			of Decrees, &c. &c.—25. Copy of letter of 11th. Apl. '56, from Dr. M.
			Cartee to Dr. P., relative to the affairs of his Consulate, the
			abuse of the U. S. Flag, &c. &c.—26. List of property belonging
			to the U. S. in the hands of Mr. Mc. Cartee.—27. Mr. Mc. Cartee's
			bill and account.—28. Copy of letter of 26th. May, '56, from
			Dr. P. to Mr. Mc. 6, acknowledging receipt of his despatch No.
			of 11th Apl. '56, above referred to.—29. Copy of letter of 30th Apl. '5
			from Mr. Fish to Dr. P., relative to certain promissory notes.—30
			List of promissory notes, &c.—31. Copy of letter of 26th May,
			from Dr. P. to Mr. Fish, concerning promissory notes above referred
			Of the foregoing Papers, those numbered from 2 to
			inclusive, relate to the revision of certain treaties with
			China, and those numbered from 14 to 19, inclusive, ha
			reference to a question of jurisdiction in the case of two
			British subjects, deserters from American merchantmen
17th. September	14	14th. June	Enclosing ~~valuable~~ information and statistics relative to the po
			of Ningpo, rec.d from acting Consul Mr. Cartee.
			Answered by this despatch is

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			the copy of a communication of the 14th. May, 1856, from D. B. McBurney to Dr. Parker, embracing the valuable information and statistics above referred to.
17th. Sept.	15	30th. June	Disappointment in regard to naval support in his negotiations concerning the revision of our treaty with China.—Receipt of despatch No. 4.—State of his health.
1st. Oct.	2 to the Resident	20th. May	Transmitting Decree and Regulations of the 8th. of March, 1856, issued by him under the provisions of the act of Congress of the 11th. of August, 1848, with the opinions of his advisers on the subject, to be laid before Congress for revision. Annexed to this letter, and relating to the same subject, are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 3d. Apl. '56, from Consul Hyatt to Dr. Parker.—2. Copy of letter of 16th. Apl. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Hyatt.—3. Copy of letter of 2d. May, '56, from Consul Hyatt to Dr. Parker.—4. Copy of letter of 3d. May, '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker.—5. Copy of letter of 8th. Apl. '56, from the same to the same.—6. Copy of letter of 23d. Apl. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones.—7. Copy of letter of 3d. May, '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker.—8. Printed copy of Decrees and Regulations above referred to.
10th. Oct.	16	4th. July	His arrival at Amoy.—State of trade and of our relations at that port.—The collection of the revenue at Amoy.—The current negotiation of bills on the U. S.—Coal mines.—All quiet in the vicinity of Amoy.—Improvement of the harbor at that place.—No American cemetery at Amoy.—Consul in quiet possession of the premises rented by him.—Persecution of American and English Missionaries at Amoy.—His interview with His Excellency Chaou-Yue-Chuen, of Amoy. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Minutes of a meeting held on board the U. S. ship "Levant" on the 5th. July '56.—2. Copy of memorial addressed to the Consuls of H. B. M. and of the U. S. residing at Amoy under date of the 16th. Oct. '55 and signed by A. Stronach, C. Douglas and others.—3. Copy of a memorial addressed to A. Morrison acting Consul of H. B. M. at Amoy and to [illegible] Consul of the U. S. at that Place under date 1st. July '56, and signed by E. Doty and others

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1856 30th October	17	1856 11th July	His arrival at Fuh Chow.—Has asked for an interview with the Vice Roy.—Learned from the heads of the American houses at Fuh Chow full particulars of the violent death of Mr. Cunningham.—In the present state of Fuh Chow, it is thought that the life and property of U. S. citizens are not secure, and that a vessel of war is urgently demanded on the part of the U. S. Govt. to be stationed there.—The currency.—Foreign Inspectors.—Improvement of the navigation of the port.
" "	18	24th "	Gives an account of his visit to Fuh Chow, which has for its object the transmission of his letter of credence and the special letter of the President, through His Excellency the Vice Roy, to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China and of his interview with the Vice Roy, on that occasion. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of a letter of 10th July '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, giving an account of his conversation with the Prefect of Fuh Chow on the occasion of his announcing to that functionary the arrival of Dr. Parker, and the Doctor's desire to have an interview with the Vice Roy.—2. Copy of letter of 12th July '56, from the Prefect of Fuh Chow to Consul Jones, relative to Dr. Parker's interview with the Vice Roy.—3. Minutes of an interview between Dr. Parker and the Vice Roy of the Min and Chih Provinces held at the Palace of the Vice Roy on the 15th of July '56.—4. Draft of Proclamation submitted at the interview above referred to
" "	19	26th "	narrating the circumstances under which Howard Cunningham, a citizen of the U. S. lost his life by the hands of the Chinese, at Fuh Chow, on the 3rd of July 18[illegible]. Importance of a man-of-war at that port. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1

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			Index to despatch No. 19. of 26th July, '56.—2. Copy of letter of 4th July, '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker.—3. Copy of letter of 5th July, '56, from A. Heard & Co. to Consul Jones.—4. Copy of statement, of 4th July, '56.—5. Copy of letter of 10th July, '56, from Russell & Co. and others to Dr. Parker.—6. Copy of letter of 18th July, '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, with copy of testimony therein referred to.—7. Copy of letter of 11th July, '56, from Dr. Parker to His Ex.y Yang, asking an interview.—8. Copy of letter of 12th July, '56, from Dr. Parker to Russell & Co. and others.—9. Translation of letter of 13th July, '56, from His Ex.y Yang to Dr. Parker, granting an interview.—10. Copy of letter of 15th July, '56, from Dr. Parker to Messrs. Russell & Co. and others.—11. Translation of letter of 16th July, '56, from His Ex.y Yang to Dr. Parker.—12. Copy of letter of 17th July, '56, from Dr. Parker to His Ex.y Yang.—13. Translation of letter of 19th July, '56, from His Ex.y Yang to Dr. Parker.—14. Copy of letter of 19th July, '56, from Dr. Parker to His Ex.y Yang.—15. Translation of letter of 21st July, '56, from His Ex.y Yang to Dr. Parker.—16. Copy of letter of 22d July, '56, from Dr. Parker to His Ex.y Yang.—17. Translation of a letter of 22d July, '56, from His Ex.y Yang to Dr. Parker.—18. Translation of letter of 22d July, '56, from Lame to Lame.—19. Translation of Special proclamation, of 22d July, '56.—20. Copy of letter of 10th July, '56, from Dr. Parker to Capt. Smith.—21. Copy of letter of 21st July, '56, from Lame to Lame, relative to his vessel.—22. Copy of letter of 12th July, '56, from Gilman & Co. to Dr. Parker, relative to the case of Messrs. Richards & Co.—23. Copy of letter of 22d July, '56, from Dr. Parker to Messrs. Gilman & Co., relative to Lame subject.
			Of these papers, those numbered from 2 to 20, inclusive, have reference to the murder of Mr. Cunningham.
4th Nov.r	21	26th Aug.t	His arrival at Ningpo.—Discription of the city.—Shipping in port.—Affray between Smith and Jackson, two American sailors, in which the former was dangerously shot in the head. Jaontae absent from the city.—Few Commercial houses established at Ningpo.—His departure from that city and arrival at Shanghai.—Encloses correspondence with Fish Chow, Ningpo, and Shanghai.—Refers to his note of the 26th Augt. '56 to Mr. Jones, on the subject of the

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1856		1856	murder of the late Mr. Cunningham, and to a despatch from Dr. McGatlee, of the same date, illustrating the lamentable state of affairs at Ningpo.—Importation of Chinese vagrants (Coolies) into Shanghai.—Peruvian ship "Tonio Terry" engaged in the Coolie Trade.—Disaster to the Dutch ship "Banca" also engaged in the Coolie Trade.—Notice of the Peruvian Govt. regarding the Traffic in Coolies.—Invites attention to correspondence with American merchants at Shanghai on the subject of foreign inspectorships in the Chinese Custom-houses.—Despatch No. 5, relative to the Shanghai duty question, has already received his attention. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Letter of 26th July '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, relative to murder of Mr. Cunningham.—2. Translation of letter of 24th July '56, from Wang E. Teh, Vice Roy, &c., to Dr. Parker, same subject.—3. Letter of the 2d Augt. '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, same subject.—4. Copy of letter of 31st July '56, from Rapsell & Co. to Consul Jones, relative to outrage committed on one of their cargo boats by the Chinese.—5. Copy of letter of 14th Augt. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones, relative to murder of Mr. Cunningham, and to the state of affairs at Fuh Chow.—6. Copy of letter of 7th Augt. '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, relative to an alleged outrage committed upon a British subject while on board of the Am. brig "Progressive" by the Chinese.—7. Copy of letter of 9th Augt. '56, from same to same, relative to the murder of Mr. Cunningham.—8. Copy of letter of 26th Augt. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones, relative to outrage committed on British subject on board of the Am. brig "Progressive Age," and to the murder case of Mr. Cunningham.—9. Extract from Consul Murphy's despatch of 26th Augt. '56, relative to outrage committed on board American brig "Progressive &c." above referred to.—10. Letter of 1st July '56, from Consul McGatlee to Dr. Parker, transmitting quarterly returns required by the Department of State, with an accom-

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of the expenses and the vouchers for the same. [These papers were sent to the Consular Bureau 25th Nov., '56.]—11. Copy of letter of 27th July, '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Mr. Carter, relative to visiting Ningpo.—12. Copy of letter of 31st July, '56, from Consul Mr. Carter to Dr. Parker, relative to case of Charles Jackson, and to certain Chinese junks lying off the city of Ningpo.—13. Copy of letter of 15th Augt., '56, from same to same, relative to case of the U.S. vs. Chas. Jackson, and to the payment of duties by the American brigantine "Melita."—14. Copy of letter of 23d Augt., '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Mr. Carter, relative to the case of Jackson, to the case of the "Melita," to Mr. McCartee's salary, and to the measurement of U.S. ships.—15. Copy of letter of 26th Augt., '56, from Consul Mr. Carter to Dr. Parker, relative to certificate of Surgeon who attended W. H. Smith, a seaman at Ningpo, and to the case of the "Melita."—16. Copy of letter of 30th June, '56, from Mr. Fish to Dr. Parker, relative to vessels bringing Chinese passengers [Coolies] into Shanghai.—17. Translation of letter of 29th May, '56, from Lan to Mr. Fish, same subject.—18. Translation of letter of 5th June, '56, from same to same, same subject.—19. Draft of notification on same subject.—20. Translation of a notice of the Peruvian Govt. of 5th March, '56, regarding traffic in Coolies.—21. Copy of letter of 1st Sept., '56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Fish, announcing arrival at Woosung.—22. Copy of letter of 2d Sept., '56, from same to same, relative to payment of certain bills Sterling, and to salary for judicial services performed by Vice Consuls.—23. Copy of letter of 30th June, '56, from Mr. Fish to Dr. Parker, relative to same subjects.—24. Copy of letter of 16th July, '56, from M. W. Fish and others to Dr. Parker, calling his attention to certain grievances at Foh Chow.—25. Copy of letter of 15th Augt., '56, from Dr. Parker to M. W. Fish and others on the same subject.—26. Copy of letter of 5th Augt., '56, from Messrs. Rufell & Co. and others to Dr. Parker, relative to continuance of foreign Inspectorship in the Chinese customhouse at Shanghai.—27. Copy of letter of 25th Augt. '56, from Dr. Parker to Messrs. Rufell & Co. and others, same subject.—28. Copy of letter of 9th Augt., '56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Murphy, relative to transfer of duty receipts to Chinese Govt.—29. Copy of letter of same date, from same to same, Transmitting evidence in the case of the U.S. vs. Chas. Jackson.—30. Copy of letter of 11th Augt. '56, from Mr. Marsh to Dr. Parker, relative to case of the U.S. vs. Jackson

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			31. Copy of letter of 26th Augt. 56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Murphy, relative to complaint of Messrs Thurston. 32. Copy of letter of same date from Mr. Murphy to Dr. Parker, same subject. 33. Translation of letter of 12th Augt. 56, from Lan: Me Wan to Dr. Parker, relative to calling upon him. 34. Minutes of a meeting held at the U.S. Legation, Shanghai, on 13th Augt. 56, between Dr. Parker and His Excy. Me Wan. 35. Minutes of a meeting held between the same parties on the 18th Augt., 1856.
24th. November	22	28th. Augt.	Relative to the Ningpo Consulate, and to Dr. McCartee's case, which is submitted to the consideration of the Department. Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the case of Dr. McCartee, above referred to, are the following papers: 1. Extract from a private letter of the 2d. Augt. 56, from Mr. McCartee to Dr. Parker. 2. Copy of letter of 19th May, 54, from Mr. McLane to Mr. McCartee. 3. Copy of postscript of a letter of — July, 54, from same to same.
"	23	2d. Sept.	Revision of treaty between the U.S. and China. Political state of China. Transmits correspondence with the British and French Legations, and the Commander of the U.S. forces in the East, in relation to the revision of the Treaty. Invites attention to some of the correspondence. Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the revision of the treaty, are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of 30th May 56, from Dr. Parker to Sir J. Bowring. 2. Copy of letter of same from Dr. Parker to Count de Courcy. 3. Copy of letter of 1st June 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker. 4. Copy of letter of 7th June 56, from Count de Courcy to Dr. Parker. 5. Translation of the same. 6. Copy of a letter of 12th Augt. 56, from Dr. Parker to Sir J. Bowring. 7. Copy of letter of 10th June 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, enclosing copy of Treaty between Great Britain and China, signed [illegible]

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			acknowledging receipt of said treaty.—9. Copy of letter of 13th June, '56, from Com. Armstrong to Dr. Parker.—10. Copy of letter of 27th June, '56, from Dr. Parker to Com. Armstrong.—11. Copy of letter of 27th June, '56, from Com. Armstrong to Dr. Parker, acknowledging receipt of letter.—12. Copy of letter of 28th June, '56, from Com. Armstrong to Commander Smith, relative to affording Dr. Parker an invitation a conveyance to Shanghai.—13. Copy of letter of 31st July, '56, from Dr. Parker to Com. Armstrong.—14. Copy of letter of 12th Augt. '56, from Lane to Lane.—15. Copy of letter of 11th Augt. '56, from Com. Armstrong to Dr. Parker.—16. Copy of letter of 28th July, '56, from Mr. Williams to Dr. Parker.—17. Translation of letter of 30th June, '54, from His Ex. Yeh to Dr. Parker.—18. Copy of letter of 8th Augt. '56, from Dr. Parker to Commissioner Yeh.—19. Copy of letter of 12th Augt. '56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Williams, requesting him to come to Shanghai.—20. Copy of letter of 30th June, '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Perry, concerning communications which he may have to make to Dr. Parker.—21. Copy of letter of 1st July, '56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Williams, requesting him to join Dr. Parker at Shanghai, &c.—22. Printed Circular of Messrs. Russell & Co., of 4th Sept. '56, relative to imports, exports, exchange, &c.
4th Nov.	24	5th Sept.	Opening and returning of the President's letters to the Emperor by the Ministers of the Chinese Privy Council. Remarks upon the subject. U. S. Consul at Fuh Chow has felt compelled to stop payment of duties on several vessels, in consequence of the failure on the part of the local authorities there to perform their obligations to the U. S.—Arrest of one of the murderers of Mr. Cunningham. Answered to this despatch, and relating to the return of the President's letter to the Emperor, is the translation of a letter of the 24th Augt. '56, from His Ex. Wang to Dr. Parker.
5th Dec.	26	7th Oct.	Acknowledges receipt of despatch No. 6, enclosing his regular commission.
"	27	"	Receipt of despatch No. 7, relative to box of documents for his Legation.—Transmits his correspondence with the different Consuls prior to the departure of the mail a day earlier than

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expected, is precluded from accompanying the correspondence with any comments. May hereafter revert to some of the exhibits. - Reported dissention among the Insurgents at Nankin, and death of Yang, the Eastern King. Prospects of the Imperialists in the North of China are improving since the date of last mail, and vice versa in the South. Trade of Shanghai reviving.

Annexed to this despatch are the following papers. 1. Copy of letter of 21 Augt. '56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, relative to negotiations for the revision of treaty with China. - 2. Copy of letter of 12th Augt. '56 from the same to the same, same subject. - 3. Copy of letter of 13th Sept. '56, from Com. Armstrong to Dr. Parker, relative to receipt of letter to the state of his own health. - 4. Copy of letter of 25th Augt. '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, relative to the conduct of the authorities at Foh Chow in the case of Mr. Cunningham, to the withholding of the payment of duties at that port and to the return of the President's letter to the Emperor. - 5. Copy of letter of 27th Augt. '56, from the same to the same, relative to payment of duties, to rumored recall of Dr. Parker, and to return of President's letter. - 6. Translation of letter of 29th Augt. '56, from His Exc. Mary E. Tieh to Dr. Parker, relative to the case of Mr. Cunningham. - 7. Copy of letter of 13th Sept. '56 from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones, acknowledging receipt of despatches relative to payment of duties at Foh Chow, to return of President's letter and to case of Mr. Cunningham. - 8. Copy of letter of 9th Sept. '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, relative to detention of Messrs. Rupell & Co.'s boats, to payment of duties at Foh Chow and to Mr. Cunningham's case. - 9. Copy of letter of 1st Sept. '56 from Consul to Dr. Parker, relative to imports and exports to and from Amoy, to expense of obtaining coal from certain coal mines and to his interview with the Taoutae. - 10. List of Imports and Exports to and from Amoy in American vessels from July 1, '55 to 30th June '56. - 11. Letter of the 14th July '56, from Consul Perry to Dr. Parker, enclosing consular returns [illegible]

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1857 2d. Jan'y.	25	1856 6th. Oct'r.	Refers to his Nos. 23 and 24, of the 2d. and 5th. of Sept'r, and states what has since transpired in relation to the revision of the treaty. Crippled condition of the "San Jacinto." Invites attention to enclosed exhibits, in which full details will be found of the steps adopted with the local authorities, with whom he has had official correspondence. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers, the exhibits above referred to: 1. Memoranda of a conversation between Dr. Parker and His Excellency Yeo, at the Legation of the U. S., Shanghai, on the 15th Sept'r '56.—2. Minutes of a conversation held on board the "San Jacinto" on the 23d Sept'r '56 between Dr. Parker and their Excellencies Lan and Yeo.—3. Verbal report of Seeong Seen Sang of his visit to Yeo, dated 24th Sept'r '56.—4. Draft of Yeo and Lan's despatch of 25th Sept'r '56, to the Vice Roy, with remarks touching the same.—5. Memoranda of instructions to Dr. Williams, of 27th Sept'r, '56.—6. Minutes of an interview held with Wu and Lan, on the 27th Sept'r '56 by Mr. Williams.—7. Copy of a note of 28th Sept'r '56, from Lan to Seang.—8. Copy of a letter of the 29th Sept'r '56, from Dr. Parker to the Vice Roy of the Seang Keang.—9. Copy of petition sent by the Intendant of circuit at Shanghai to the Governor General Seang and the Governor.—10. Copy of a letter of the 29th Sept'r '56, from Mr. Williams to His Excellency Lan.—11. Copy of letter of same date, from the same to Mr. Lay, Intendant of Circuit at Shanghai.
19th. "	28	1st. Nov'r.	Revision of the Treaty with China.—His visit to Peking postponed to the ensuing season, &c.—Is his purpose to embark on the 3d. inst. for the South of China. Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the revision of the treaty, are the following papers: 1. Translation of a letter of the 2d. Oct'r '56, from Lan Tse-chuen to the Intendants of Circuit at Shanghai.—2. Translation of letter of 5th. Oct'r '56, from the same to the acting Intendant of Circuit at Shanghai.—3. Copy of a letter of the 8th. Oct'r '56, from Mr. Williams to Lan and Yeo.—4. Copy of Instructions to Seeong, of 18 Oct'r '56.—5. Seeong's report of same date.—6. [illegible] 20th Oct'r '56.—7. Gov'r General's letter of 19th Oct'r '56 to Lan, Intend't

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			8. Private letter of 20th. Octr. 56, from Govr. Chaou to Lieut Woo.—9. Do. do. of 22d Octr. 56, from Woo to Leeang.—10. Instructions to Leeang of 23 Octr. 56.—11. Leeang's report of that date.—12. Memorandum of same date.—13. Instructions to Leeang of 24th Octr. 56.—14. His report of the date.—15. Instructions to Leeang of 25th Octr. 56.—16. His report of same date.—17. Copy of letter of 27th. Octr. 56 from Dr. Parker to Eleang. 18. Copy of letter of 29th. Septr. 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker.—19 Copy of letter of 14th. Octr. from Dr. Parker to Sir J. Bowring.—20. Copy of letter of same date from the same to Consul de Courcy.—21. Copy letter of 20th. Octr. 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker.—22. Copy of letter of 1st Novr. 56, from Dr. Parker to Sir John Bowring.—23. Copy of letter of 27th. Octr. 56, from Dr. Parker to His Excellency Wang, relative to the return, &c., of the President's letter to the Emperor of China.
29th. Jany.	29	13th. Novr.	His arrival at Hong Kong and at Macao.—Nature of the present difficulty between Great Britain and China.—State of affairs at Canton.—Sends correspondence with the ports of Canton, Amoy, Fuh Chow, and Shanghai, for the past month. Imperative demand for prisons urged upon the Govt.—Criminal Jackson, now in British jail at Shanghai.—Resumption of the payment of duties at Fuh Chow.—Consulate at Ningpo again vacant. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers. 1. Copy of letter of the 23d. Septr. 56, from Sir John Bowring to Dr. Parker, relative to a property leased by the British authorities to Mr. Gideon Nye, Jr.—Consul Perry's protest of 3d. Septr. 56, concerning same matter.—3. Copy protest of the Mortgagee, of the 10th. Septr. 56.—4. Revocation of first protest, dated 17th. Septr. 56.—5. Copy of letter of 9th Octr. 56, from Dr. Parker to Sir John Bowring, relative to same subject.—6. Copy of letter of 17th Octr. 56, from Consul Perry to Dr. Parker, relative to difficulty between British and Chinese authorities at Canton.—7. Copy of letter of same date from the same to the same, relative to the case of the

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case, dated 15th Oct. '56. - 9. Copy of the concurrence in the foregoing finding in that case, signed by J. Henry Smith and others under date of the 15th Oct. '56. 10. Copy of letter of 17th Oct. '56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, relative to difficulty between the British and Chinese authorities at Canton - 11. Copy of a letter of the 19th Oct. '56, from the same to the same, relative to the question of property above referred to, &c. - 12. Copy of a letter of the 8th Nov. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Perry, requesting him to report the state of affairs at Canton, &c. 13. - Copy of letter of — from Consul Perry to Dr. Parker, relative to the state of affairs at Canton. - 14. Copy of letter of 27th Oct. '56, from Yeh to Consul Perry, relative to protection for the persons and property of American citizens 14½. - Copy of Yeh's Proclamation of same date, growing out of the attack made by the English on Canton. - 15. Copy of a letter of the 31st Oct. '56, from Yeh to Consul Perry, relative to protection to American citizens, and to American war ships assisting the English. - 15½. Copy of a letter of the 4th Nov. '56, from the same to the same, relative to american vessels of war taking part with the English, and to protection to American citizens - 16. Copy of a letter of the 11th of Nov. '56, from Dr. Parker to Com. Armstrong, relative to the difficulty between Great Britain and China. - 17. Copy of letter of 17th Oct. '56, from Dr. Peter Parker to Consul Hyatt, relative to imports and exports in American vessels, — to coal mine statistics, & to the release of certain Christian converts. - 18. Copy of letter of 27th Sept. '56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, concerning the stoppage of the payment of duties at Fah Chow. - 19. Copy of letter of 10th Oct. '56, from Dr. Parker to Sir J. Bowring, same subject. - 20. Copy of a letter of the 2d Oct. '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, with regard to the murder of Mr. Cunningham, the stoppage of the payment of duties, and to the loss of the American ship "Wild Duck". - 21. Copy of a letter of the 4th Oct. '56, from the same to the same, relative to the stoppage of duties at Fah Chow. 22 Copy of Consul Jones' Duty Circular of the 24th Sept. '56. - 23. - Copy of letter of 18th Oct. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones, relative to the punishment of the murderer of Mr. Cunningham, the stoppage of duties at Fah Chow, Com. Armstrong's probable visit to that port, &c. - 24. Copy of a letter of the 11th Oct. '56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, relative to punishment of Cunningham's

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derer, and to the stoppage of the payment of duties at Fah Chow. 25. Copy of letter of 10th Oct.r 56, from Sir John Bowring to Dr. Parker, in the case of the "Kingfisher" relative to the non payment of duties, at Fah Chow. - 26. Copy of a letter of the 28th Oct.r 56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones, same subject. - 27. Copy of letter of 20th Oct.r 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, on the subject of the stoppage of duties at Fah Chow. - 28. Copy of letter of 24th Oct.r 56, from the same to the same, same subject. - 29. Copy of a letter of the 12th Oct.r 56, from Wang to Dr. Parker, relative to the trial of the murderer of Mr. Cunningham. - 30. Copy of letter of 1st Oct.r 56, from the same to the same, same subject, and payment of duties on tea at Fah Chow. - 31. Proclamation of His Excellency Wang of the 14th Oct.r 56, relative to trade at Fah Chow. - 32. Copy of a letter of the 1st Nov.r 56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Jones, relative to payment of duties at Fah Chow and to the case of the "Kingfisher". - 33. Copy of letter of 3rd Nov.r 56, from the same to the same, payment of duties, &c., at Fah Chow. - 34. Copy of a letter of the 30th Sept.r 56, from Consul Murphy to Dr. Parker, relative to the trial of Charles Jacker for shooting Mr. H. Smith a pistol, with intent to kill. - 35. Copy of a letter of the 2d Oct.r 56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Murphy, acknowledging receipt of the foregoing letter, returning his despatch No. 4, addressed to the Sec.y of State, and speaking of a certain report of the Imports and Exports at Shanghai for the year ending 30th June '56. - 36. Copy of a letter of the 4th Nov.r 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, relative to the adoption of measures to prevent the revolutionary forces from taking possession of Shanghai.

29th January	30	13th Nov.r	Claims of Dr. D. B. Mc Cartee upon this Government for discharging the duties of U. S. Consul at Ningpo. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Letter of 9th Oct.r 56, from Dr. Mc Cartee to Dr. Parker, enclosing statement of expenses attended and fees rec.d at Ningpo, during the quarter ending 30th Sept.r 56, with [illegible]

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			the U.S., of 1st Octr. '56. - 4. Copy of letter of 23d Octr. '56, from Dr. Mc. Coates to Dr. Parker, relative to his accounts and to his resignation of the office of acting Consul at Ningpo - 5. Copy of letter of 29th Octr. '56, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Mc. Coates, accepting his resignation & enclosing, for the files of his Consulate, the report of the decision in the case of the U.S. vs. Charles Jackson. - 6. Copy of letter of 3d. Novr. '56, from Dr. Parker to Revd. R. 2. May, relative to his taking charge of the archives of the U.S. Consulate at Ningpo, and to his temporarily discharging the duties of that Consulate.
	31	22 Novr.	Relative to a hostile attack upon the flag of the U.S. by the Chinese forts near Canton. - Last reports from Fuh Chow. Satisfactory. - Increase of our naval force in China. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of a letter of the 13th Novr. '56, from Com. Armstrong to Dr. Parker, relate to occurrences at Canton. - 2. Copy of a Circular of the British Consul at Canton, of the 14th Novr. '56, same subject. - 3. Copy of a letter of the 10th Novr. '56 from Consul Perry to Dr. Parker, same subject. - 4. Copy of a letter of the 21st Octr. '56, from the same to Com. Foote, same subject. - 5. Copy of a letter of the 22d Octr. '56, from the same to His Ex. Yeh, same subject. - 6. Copy of a letter of the 1st Novr. '56, from the same to the same, same subject. - 7. Copy of a letter of the same date from the same to the same, same subject. 8. Copy of a letter of same date from same to same, relative to payment of duties on two American chips. - 9. Copy of a note of the 8th Novr. '56, on the back of the preceding letter. - 10. Translation of a letter of the 10th Novr. '56, from the Imperial Commissioner to Consul Perry, relative to the occurrences at Canton. - 11. Copy of a letter of the 19th Novr. '56, from Dr. Parker to Consul Perry, relative to attack upon the flag of the U.S. by the Chinese forts, &c. - 12. Copy of a letter of the 17th Novr. '56, from Com. Armstrong to Commissioner Yeh, same subject. - 13. Translation of letter of 20th Novr. '56, from Yeh to Com. Armstrong, same subject. - 14. Copy of a letter of same date from Com. Armstrong to Com. Yeh, same subject. - 15. Copy of a letter of same date from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, relative to occurrences at Canton. - 16. Copy of a letter of same date from Dr. Parker to Sir J. Bowring, same subject. - 17. Copy of a memorandum of 21st Novr. '56, signed by P.P. and relating to same subj

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1857		1856	18. Copy of letter of 17th. Oct.r 56, from Consul Jones to Dr. Parker, relative to state of affairs at Fah Chow.—19. Copy of a letter of the 31st. Oct.r 56, from the same to the same, same subject.—20. Copy of a letter of the 11th. Nov.r 56 from the same to the same, relative to the creation of certain new bonds in the case of the Am. ship Kingfisher.—21. Copy of letter of 15th. Nov.r 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, relative to the present state of affairs at Canton.—22. Copy of a letter of the 17th. Nov.r 56, from Dr. Parker to Sir J. Bowring, relative to same subject.—23. Copy of a letter of the 18th. Nov.r 56, from Sir J. Bowring to Dr. Parker, relative to the cooperation of the Treaty Powers in China.
	32	11th. Decr.	Refers to his despatch of the 22d. of November, 1856, relative to an attack upon the flag of the U.S. by the Chinese fort near Canton. That matter brought to a favorable termination by Com. Armstrong. Has resumed his correspondence with His Excellency Yeë, and called his attention to several subjects in abeyance pending the settlement of the naval question. Refers to his correspondence with the U.S. Consulates at Canton and Fah Chow, to his correspondence with the Governor of Macao, relation to a recent case of piracy in which an American citizen is implicated, and to his correspondence with the French Legation, relative to the revision of the treaty, &c. Disposition on the part of the Cantonese, as it respects the British questions, to come around. The city of Canton reduced to great extremities, &c. The negotiations for the revision of treaties. Resumption of trade. Protests on the part of our merchants against the Chinese and British Governments, recorded at the Consulate. Shall be happy to receive the views of the Home Government in relation to the subject of indemnification, when it shall come up for adjustment. A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is appended to it.
26th. Feb.y	34	12th.	Revision of the Treaty.—Increase of our naval force in China, &c. &c.

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			Annexed to the foregoing despatch, and relating to the revision of treaties, is an extract from a despatch of the 25.ᵗʰ Augt. '56, from Count de Courcy to Count Walewski.
6.ᵗʰ Feb.ʸ	35	13.ᵗʰ Decr	Refers to his despatch No. 30, relative to Dr. D. B. Mc. Cartee's claims upon the Govt. of the U.S. for discharging the duties of U.S. Consul at Ningpo, and encloses a copy of a communication from Dr. Mc. Cartee, relating to the subject of that despatch. Annexed to this despatch, and bearing date the 23.ᵈ Nov.ʳ 56, is the letter from Dr. Mc. Cartee above referred to.
7.ᵗʰ March	36	27.ᵗʰ	Destruction of the Foreign Factories at Canton, and other important occurrences in China since the date of his last despatch. - Admiral Seymour still in possession of Canton, to a certain extent. - Refers to accompanying correspondence for the views he entertains and the policy he deems it judicious to pursue. Indispensable necessity of a much larger U.S. naval force in China than that indicated in his No. 34. No improvement in the policy of Comm.ʳ Yeë towards the U.S. - His reply to Dr. P.'s despatch of the 9.ᵗʰ instant most unsatisfactory &c. Sends copy of confidential note from Sir J. Bowring, from which it appears that the English and French Govts are determined upon their course in China &c. Latest advices from the northern ports of China favorable as to their tranquillity. - Invites attention to the subject of indemnification, and the plan proposed in his confidential despatch of the 24.ᵗʰ inst. to the British Plenipotentiary. - Renews request for instructions touching that complicated and difficult matter. - Claims of our citizens - Chinese indemnity. - Several subjects contained in the accompanying exhibits must be reserved for future comment. Hopes that our relations with China will receive the early consideration of the Government. A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is annexed to it.
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15.ᵗʰ	37	10.ᵗʰ Jan.ʸ	Transmits his account current for salary (1856), for losses on Exchange, for contingent expenses (1854-5-6, and a copy of the treaty, act of 1848, in

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			Decrees & Regulations for Consular Courts in China.
25th March	1	13th Jan.ʸ	Sends correspondence with the Legation since the date of his No. 36, and invites attention to the same.—Aspect of affairs in China.—Increase of the U. S. Naval force in China.—Subsisting relations between China and the United States.—Indemnification for losses sustained by Americans, &c. The Coolie Trade.—The currency question A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is annexed to it.
6th April	2	19th "	Poisoning of the inhabitants of Hong Kong by a Chinese Baker.—Has protested against poison as a means of war, &c. His Excellency's reply to Dr. P.'s protest against disturbing the peace of Macao, &c.—Our neutrality disregarded and friendly relations violated.—Arrest of the Baker, and upwards of forty of his workmen.—He is the person alluded to in Dr. Parker's last despatch as the Charterer of the "Thistle" and the successful actor in that Tragedy.—Large extent of the suburbs and some of the city of Canton burnt by the British.—H. B. M's Plenipotentiary has ceased all correspondence with the Imperial Commissioner.—Sends Edict of the authorities of Fuh Chow in relation to the currency, with remarks on it. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Copy of letter of the 16th of Jan.ʸ '57, from Dr. Parker to Commissioner Yeh, protesting against poison as a means of war, &c.—2. Copy of a letter of the same date from Count de Conrcy to Commissioner Yeh, relative to the poisoning at Hong Kong.—3. Copy of letter of same date from Dr. Parker to Com. Armstrong, same subject.—4. Translation of a letter of the 9th Jan.ʸ '57, from Commr Yeh to Dr. Parker, in reply to his protest against disturbing the peace of Macao.—5. Translation of an Edict of the authorities at Fuh Chow of 11th Nov. 1855, in relation to the currency.

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1857 6th April	3	1857 28th Jan'y.	Is unable to accompany the correspondence of the Legation which is submitted with this despatch with the comments which many of the subjects embraced therein demand, as for example, the little avail of correspondence with the Imperial Commissioner, the unsatisfactory state of our relations, the necessity for the early appointment of a Consul for Ningpo, the adjustment at last of the Duty Question at Shanghai, and the great embarrassment from the want of prisons.—State of affairs in China daily becoming more and more serious.—The inadequacy of the entire foreign force in China to meet the exigencies of the extraordinary crisis, is the subject of greatest solicitude at present. Report of the early arrival of troops from India, mentioned in his despatch of the 13th inst. has proved incorrect.—All hope of reinforcement from Singapore disappointed, &c. In the meantime the Imperial Commissioner is active in the employment of all the means at his command, &c. Renewed attempts at poisoning have been made in Hong Kong.—Assassinations still practiced without discrimination.—Insecurity of the British from poison, &c, sensibly felt. Fresh uneasiness manifested at Amoy, &c. Statement in the China Mail, of the 17th instant to the effect that the authorities at Fah Chow have received no orders, but if orders come they must obey them. Exposed position of U.S. citizens at Ningpo. Chinese Government fortifying the port of Teen Tsin.—Report that an Imperial Commissioner from Peking was daily expected at Shanghai with full power to settle all difficulties, not corroborated.—Arrival at Macao of the newley appointed Commander in Chief of the Manchow Garrison at Canton.
			A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is annexed to it.
1856 11th Dec.	13th		Introducing James P. Cook, and commending his claim for a just remuneration for services rendered by him as U.S. Commercial Agent and as U.S. Marshal at Canton, to the favorable consideration of the Departm-

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1857 20th April		1857 13th Feb.	To the President. - Revision of the Treaty and the influences which have conspired to postpone the attainment of that object. Immediate increase of our naval force in China called for. Invokes the President to give to China the attention it demands. Concurrent yet independent action on the part of the Treaty Powers recommended.
27th "	4	11th "	Will be happy to receive the Department's confirmation or otherwise of the views taken by him in relation to the impracticability of granting registers to vessels not built in the U.S. Calls attention to Consul Keene's claim for the reimbursement of the sum of $449 [illegible] advanced by him on behalf of the unfortunate citizens of the U.S. who were shipwrecked in the American ship "Monsoon," and suggests the necessity of early legislation for the relief of our distressed citizens, not leaving Providentially or otherwise 16th cast penniless and friendless upon foreign shores. Annexed to this despatch are the following papers: 1. Letter of the 9th Feb. '57, from Messrs. Russel & Co. to Dr. Parker, relative to granting registers to vessels built and owned by citizens of the U.S. in China. - 2. Copy of a letter of the 10th Feby. '57, from Dr. Parker to Messrs. Russell & Co., same subject.
27th "	5	12th "	Chinese Baker and workmen acquitted of the charge of poisoning at Hong Kong. The Baker's arrest again upon another charge. - Reply of the Imperial Commissioner to Dr. Parker's protest against prison highly characteristic of Chinese diplomacy. - Remarks upon an accompanying placard and an Imperial Rescript, which are said to exhibit further examples of the national character. Attack of the Chinese upon the British men of war at Canton. - Plunder of American merchandise in a warehouse on Honam. - Reported engagement between three British

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steamers and one hundred and fifty war junks.— It not time for a reply to his despatches to Yeh, of the 31st. Jan. and 5th. of Feb.; but it is understood that His Excellency has, in advance, caused the warehouse to be sealed with his Imperial seal, &c. Since the arrival from Peking mentioned in his No. 3, the Vice Roy rather faltering than otherwise in his insane and hostile policy. Every indication confirms the opinion that it is the wish of the Imperial Govt. to regard the present difficulties as strictly local, and that it would deprecate a general war. Danger to foreigners at Ningpo said to be over estimated, &c. The subject of Formosa becoming one of great interest to a number of our fellow-citizens.— Invites special attention to the accompanying correspondence in relation to that subject.

A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is appended to it.

16th. May 6 10th March Confidential.— Relative to the Island of Formosa. Ft. M. Robinet.

Annexed to this despatch, and relating to the Island of Formosa, are the following papers: 1. Copy of a printed letter of the 24th. Feby. 1857, from Dr. Parker to Com. Armstrong.— 2. Copy of Memoranda under date of 27th. Feb. '57, and signed by Dr. Parker.— 3. Copy of a letter of 2d. March '57, from Mr. Robinet to Dr. Parker.— 4. Copy of letter of 7th. March '57, from Dr. Parker to Mr. Robinet.— 5. Copy of a letter of the 10th. March '57, from Mr. Robinet to Dr. Parker, with the copy of a certain agreement therein referred to.

" " 7 12th. " Has received certain printed documents.— Specifies other documents which have not yet reached him.— Sends current correspondence of the Legation since the date of last mail.— The inconvenience experienced by the U. S. Consul at Canton on account of his being from his territorial jurisdiction.— Invites attention to his note to the Imperial Commissioner, respecting the neutrality of the U. S.— Policy of His Excellency, &c.— Speaks of the two communications from the Govr. Genl. of the 16th. of Feby. last.— Coolie Trade on board the French ship Imaüs

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			The French Ship "Port de Bordeaux" with Coolies on board, bound for Havana, compelled to return to Macao, and voyage broken up. Prohibition of the introduction of any more Chinese Coolies into the British West Indian Colonies. A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is appended to it.
16th May	8	13th March.	Aspect of political affairs in China.- Capture of the river steamer "Queen" by the Chinese. Other attempts made by them to capture and destroy steamers, defeated.- Lives of all foreigners in Hongkong, and upon Chinese waters generally, more or less exposed.- Anarchy and suffering at Canton said to be very great, &c.- Return of the British Admiral to that port, &c.- Mr. Bowlon's return to China.- His instructions touching the revision of the treaties, &c. French, British, and American forces in China.- Claims of citizens of the U.S. against China.- French Admiral prohibited from holding correspondence with the Chinese Govt. while there is a civil representative of France in China.- Submits the desirableness of instructions touching the subject as it respects the civil and naval authorities of the U.S. in China, issuing from Washington.- The contemplated return to the U.S. of several of our Consuls in China.- Consul of the U.S. at Hongkong will embark for this country on the 15th April.
6th June	9	20th "	Relative to Consul R. C. Murphy's reported departure for Alexandria.
"	10	26th "	Confidential. Transmitting further correspondence with regard to the Island of Formosa. His protest on the subject. (3 inclosures)
"	12	28th "	Encloses correspondence of U.S. merchants of Canton with Commodore Armstrong relative to the protection of the "local steamers" with remarks upon the subject. (6 inclosures.)
12th	11	27th "	Sends current correspondence of the Legation since the 15th instant.- Additional intelligence received from Admiral-

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			Yeh to conquer the English if he can, but not to involve the Empire, &c.– Destruction of piratical junks.– Govt. House at Hong Kong attacked by two Chinese. Coolie tragedies on board the "Gulnare" and "Henrietta Maria". Outbreak of the Chinese at Sarawak.– Penang also menaced by the Chinese settlers. Arrival of British forces at Hong Kong. The murderer of the late Howard Cunningham punished with death. Will now instruct Consul Jones to deliver over the duties held back pending the trial of the murderer.– The currency question at Fuh Chow.
			A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is appended to it.
16th. June 13		9th. April	Receipt of instructions to Diplomatic and Consular Agents.– Personal Instructions to Diplomatic Agents.– Copy of Treaty between the U.S. and the Two Sicilies.– and of despatch No. 8.– Irregularity in his drafts for losses on Exchange.– Rate of Exchange &c.
"	16	"	" Diminution of his salary under the act of Congress of the 18th. Augt. 1856. Says he holds two commissions from the President– one as Commr. to China and a second investing him with plenipotentiary powers.– Requests that his case may be laid before the President &c.
19th. "	15	11th.	" Sends correspondence with the Legation since the departure of the last mail. Encloses despatch from His Ex.y Wang to which reference is made in his No. 11. Consul Jones directed to deliver over back duties, &c. Has instructed him also to desist from measures to coerce the acceptance of Mexican dollars, the moment it becomes apparent that the difficulties in the way are insurmountable.– Rumored advance of the Imperials upon Fuh Chow.– Publication of the surveys of the coast of China made by the Govt. of the U.S.– Set of charts for each of the Consulates.– Messrs. Rapell & Co.s protest against the British Govt.– The Imperial Commissioner's reply to his despatch of the 31st. of March.– Accounts from Nankin.
			A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is annexed to it

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1857 17th June	14	1857 10th Apl.	Transmits full particulars of interviews held on the 1st and 2d days of Apl. 57, by the Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, France and the U.S. in reference to the adjustment of the difficulties at Canton. The principles he has adopted for his guidance with reference to the general policy to be pursued in China by the representative of the U.S. - Indemnity to American citizens for their losses by the late disturbances at Canton. New proposition contemplating an engagement between the Plenipotentiaries of the three Treaty Powers to lend each other mutual aid in the enforcement of the demands of each upon the Chinese authorities, submitted to the decision of this Govt. - Bearing of the proposition upon the Govt. of the U.S. - Advantages of the triple coöperation. - Settlement of the Canton question an indispensable preliminary. No declaration of war involved. War with China may be avoided. Requests instructions for his guidance, &c. - Advantages of a quadruple concurrence.
24th "	17	23d.	Confidential. Relative to the proposition of Rupia to join the Treaty Powers in their negotiations for the revision of treaties with China. Probable formation of a French establishment in Chusan or its neighborhood.
" "	18	24th "	Has forwarded a concise rejoinder to the reply of the Imperial Commissioner to Mr. Parker's protest of the 10th of Feb. to which he invites attention. Has also rec'd. His Excellency's reply to his despatch of the 31st of March, relative to the burning of the Factories. Remarks upon it. - Apprehensions for the safety of Fuh Chau. - Our citizens solicitous for the protection of

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			a Government vessel.- Learns that the U.S. Sloop "Portsmouth" has been sent away from China.- The "Levant" obliged to go into dock before her services can become available.- Four deaths from small-pox on board of that vessel during her passage from Manila to Shanghai, and thirty of her crew now sick with that disease. Our merchants desirous that a small vessel should, as a last resort, be chartered and anchored off Tuh Chau, as a place of refuge for American citizens, &c. Should a vessel suitable for the purpose be found available, he may assume the responsibility of chartering her, &c.- H. B. M.'s ship "Raleigh" beached at the entrance of the Typa. Important papers seized by the British authorities, which papers implicate the Chinese Govt. in the cases of poisoning, &c. at Hong Kong.- Enormous sums said to have been offered for the heads of the principal authorities in that Colony. Attempt at Shanghai to lay an additional tax of five per cent. on imports and exports.- M. Bourboulon, having recd. from Commr. Yeh an evasive reply to his ultimatum, now free to coöperate with the English.- The Dutch bark "Henrietta Maria," a Chinese coolie ship, found abandoned at sea, &c.- Interference of Sir Wm. Hoste, of H. M.'s ship "Spartan."
			A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is annexed to it.
16th. July 19	5th. May		Receipt of despatch No. 9.- The attack and entrance of the British forces into the city of Canton.- American Consuls for Hong Kong and Canton, and some of our citizens, present.- Will enquire of Mr. Keenan the use he made of the American flag on that occasion, &c.- Remarks upon the conduct of the Chinese authorities towards the Govt. and citizens of the U. S.- Withdrawal of our citizens and flag from Canton. The firing of round and grape shot upon the U. S. flag on the 15th. of Nov. the origin of all the difficulty which followed, &c. Thinks that the British and French Governments have no object beyond those o

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1857		1857	templated by the United States, in China.- The overture of Russia to unite with the treaty Powers in their negotiations with China.- Refusal of the U.S. to pursue with the Governments a concurrent policy for the revision of treaties, &c.
16th July	6	6th May	Relative to an address recently forwarded to the Secretary of State by a number of U.S. citizens in China, on the subject of the appointment of a Minister to that country.
" "	21	8th "	Encloses copy of a despatch of the 30th Apl. '57, from Com. Jones stating that Yen-ping-foo had fallen into the hands of the Rebels, and that very great fears were entertained of an outbreak at Foo Chow. Will communicate with Com. Armstrong on the subject.
21st "	20	7th "	Sends additional correspondence of his legation.- Evidence of the French Minister's desire for the perfect accord of the U.S. with the French and English Governments in regard to the questions at issue in China.- Inaccuracy of the Imperial Commissioner's averments in relation to the destruction of American property at Whampoa. Sends copy of correspondence of Dr. Williams with one G. M. Ryder, relative to his certificate of naturalization, and to a passport given to him by Dr. Williams. Transmits Inventory of the archives and other property of the Legation.- Trade with Siam. A list of the papers accompanying the foregoing despatch is appended to it. 20th
3d August	22	22d "	Receipt of despatches Nos. 10 and 11. Genl. Cass' appointment as Secy. of State.- Dr. P.'s solicitude for the important interests of our citizens, &c. in China.- Says that the expty of the

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1857		1857	Imperial Commissioner to his letter of the 18th. of April, is, in nearly every essential particular, devoid of truth.—Disposition of some of our Consuls to assume inordinate power and to disregard the instructions of the Legation and those of the Department.—Appointment of Vice Consuls.—The frequent vacancies occurring in the Consular offices in China. Again calls the attention of the Department to the supplying of the vacant Consulates in China. The respective offices at Amoy, Ningpo, and Shanghai now vacant. Calls attention to the Fuhchau correspondence.—The case of the murder there, so far as the Imperial authorities are concerned, finally disposed of, but of the duties detained by Mr. Jones, some thirteen thousand dollars are due from a firm now insolvent.—The remainder has been paid. The extremities to which the Chinese Govt. are reduced shown by the high rate offered by it for a foreign loan. Incipient legalization of the Opium Trade.—Political affairs in China. Distress from famine. The representations made by the Imperial Commissioner.—Kwang-si now said to be in the hands of the insurgents, &c. Arrival of the first detachment of English gunboats at Hong Kong.—British vessels of war now in China, &c. The "San Jacinto."—Health of Com. Armstrong and Commander Bell.—The "Portsmouth" still absent.—The "Levant" left in a very inefficient state in consequence of the ill health of the officers and men of that vessel.—Increase of our naval force in China. A list of the papers which accompanied the foregoing despatch is annexed to it.
20th. Augt.	To the Presdt.	30th. May	Transmits Decree and Regulations of the 4th. of March, 1857, to be laid before Congress for revision.
"	23	6th. June	Sends correspondence of the Legation.—Unsatisfactory state of affairs at Ningpo.—Invites attention to a certain communication from Mr. Hyatt, American Consul at Amoy. Mr. Hyatt's nominees.—His disregard of his instructions. Will

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			take an early opportunity to submit several topics touching the relations between the United States Commissioner and Consuls in China &c.
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18th. August	24	8th. June	Is awaiting the instructions of the new Administration in relation to China.- Claims growing out of the Canton difficulties.- Destruction of Chinese war junks by the British forces.- Arrival of a new Commander-in-Chief of the Manchu Garrison in Canton.- Report that Gov. Gen. Yeh has been degraded and recalled.- The Chinese at the northern ports still regard the Canton difficulties as local. The band which threatened Fuhchau said to belong to the hunting party, &c. Consul Keenan's assault upon Captain Storey, of the "Spitfire".- Is prosecuting the duty imposed upon him by the instructions of the Dept. under date of the 2d. Feb'y. 1857.- Invites attention to a letter relative to foreign intercourse with China, which appeared in the London "Times" of the 3d. March, 1857.
			Annexed to this despatch, and relating to claims against China, are the following papers. 1. Copy of a British notification of the 29th. of May, 1857.- 2. Extract from a letter of the 2d. June '57, from Dr. Parker to Sir J. Bowring.- Extract from a letter of the 5th. of June, '57, from Sir John Bowring to Dr. Parker.
29th. "	"	J. W. Wills 20th. "	Relative to his drafts for losses on his salary growing out of the high rate of exchange.
15th. Sept.	27	4th. July	Lord Elgin and his instructions as H. B. M.'s Commissioner and Plenipotentiary to China.- Baron de Gros appointed Special Envoy of France to China.

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1857		1857	Return of the U.S. ship "Portsmouth" from Siam, with Dr. Bradley and the exchanged Siamese Treaty. Dr. Bradley about to enter upon his duties as U.S. Consul at Ningpo, &c. The "San Jacinto" probably at Shanghai. — No U.S. vessel now in the South of China. — Embarrassment in consequence of the non-arrival of the European mail. (3 enclosures)
29th Augt.	23	20th June	Consul Keenan and his agency in displaying the U.S. Flag within the City of Canton, on the occasion of the English forces entering that City in Octr., 1856. A list of the papers accompanying this despatch is annexed to it.
"	26	22d. "	Vice Consul at Amoy leaves. — Barratry at Fuhchau. — Inspectorate at Shanghai. — Documents taken from pirates in June '57. — The Chinchupe fort taken by Com. Keppel. — Distress in the City of Canton. Force from Hankow on its way to the province of Kwangtung, &c. &c. Gov. Gen. Yeh. — Lord Elgin not yet arrived. Arrival of the steamer Ceh at Hongkong. Nothing in the mails for his Legation, &c. A list of the papers accompanying this despatch is annexed to it.
19th Octr.	28	7th Augt.	Departure of Lord Elgin for Calcutta. — Declaration of a blockade of the port of Canton. — The change of Lord Elgin's plans and his reasons for it. The immediate occasion of the blockade of Canton. — Invites attention to memorandum of an interview with American merchants, relating to trade. — Commends to the favorable consideration of the Dept. the subject of interpreter to Consul Jones' Consulate at Fuhchau. — Bears testimony to the ability and fidelity of Lin Chin. — The entire amount of duties detained by Mr. Jones paid back to the Superintendent of Customs. — Deplorable state of affairs at Ningpo. — Late advices from Shanghai unfavorable to the Rev-

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1857		1857	lutionists &c. &c. – Massacre of Portuguese subjects at Ningpo – Americans &c. implicated. – Dr. Bradley. – Retaliatory measures threatened at Hong Kong on the part of the Chinese in consequence of the blockade of Canton. A list of the papers accompanying this despatch is annexed to it.
19th October	29	7th Augt.	Receipt of despatch No. 12 advising him of Mr. Reed's appointment as E.E. & M.P. of the U.S. to China. Is Dr. P.'s wish if possible to leave China on the 25th. Augt. In that event will leave the Mission in charge of Dr. Williams with instructions to deliver over the seal and archives to Mr. Reed on his arrival.
8th Feb 1860	—	8th Feb 1860	Enclosing acct for Judicial services $1673 84/100

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17th. November	30	9th. Sept.	Departure of Dr. Parker for the U.S. on the 25th. of Augt. 1857. Transfer of the archives &c., of the Legation to Mr. S. Wells Williams same day. – Troubles at Ningpo. – Americans implicated. – Blockade of the River and Port of Canton by the English &c. Commissioner's Court. – Its jurisdiction. – Need of some law books in Commissioner's Court. – Insurgents at Nanking and elsewhere. A list of the papers accompanying this despatch is annexed to it.
3d. December	31	22d. "	English and French forces in China. – Difficulties at Canton noticed in Peking Gazettes. – Policy of the Central Government. – Delay will not jeopard main objects of visit to Peking. – Province and City of Canton. – Insurgents and their position and effect.
22d. "	32	2d. Oct. "	Consulate at Amoy. Case of the French vessel "Spec". Remarks upon it.

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1857. 22d. Decr.		1857. 13th. Oct.	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. his bill for £258-5-3. Rate of exchange. Has also drawn on the Department for $289.26 [Sent to the 5th. Editor.]
"	33	"	Claim of Russell & Co. against the Chinese Government for rice seized.- Homicide at Shanghai.- Affray at Ningpo, June 26,- Americans not arrested. English and French proceedings.- Russian Envoy.- Chinese politics.
1858 27th. March	34	3d. Novr.	Transmits copy of the last edition of the "Chinese Commercial Guide", for the use of the Department.

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8th May		16th May	Concerning our Diplomatic relations with China.
		21st "	Receipt of letter of 20th instant, some additional stationary, and one U.S. Flag. Notes authority to purchase some other articles in Philadelphia, and to draw for a half year's salary. Wrote to the Secy. on the 16th on matters connected with the Mission to China.
		22nd "	Is a little embarrassed on some points of ceremony by not having rec'd. his commission. Receipt of letter authorizing him to draw for a portion of his salary, &c.
6th June		3rd June	Receipt of his personal instructions, and of the papers therein referred to.
9th "	1	26th "	Receipt of despatch No. 3, with its enclosures. Wishes to have the views of the President with regard to soliciting the good offices of the British authorities in including American claims in the sum total to be demanded by them. Receipt of despatch No. 4, with its accompaniments.
2nd Decr.	2	9th Sept.	Before leaving the U.S., addressed the Dept. on the subject of the claims of Am. citizens on the Chinese Govt. Receipt of despatch No. 5. His arrival at Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, on the 7th Sept., 1857. Requests the Secy. of State to express to the Secy. of the Navy his grateful sense of the considerate and unremitting kindness extended to him by Captain Dupont and his officers during the voyage. Avails himself of the offer of Sir George Grey to forward this despatch through the Foreign Office in London.
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5th Jan.	3	10th Nov.	His arrival at Hong Kong. Receipt of despatch No. 6, enclosing Memorial of Alfred Pierrepont Edwards for remuneration for losses during the war of 1840. The subject will receive his early attention, &c. Is unable yet to form an opinion as to the actual state of things in China, or the course which, so far as our interests and policy are involved, affairs are likely to take. The Earl of Elgin the only one of the representatives of the treaty Powers at Hong

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Hong.—At the latest dates, Admiral Pontatin, the Russian Plenipotentiary, was at Shanghai awaiting Mr. Reed's arrival. Mr. Reed's intercourse with Lord Elgin and Admiral Seymour. The Admiral awaiting for a few reinforcements to take active measures against the Cantonese &c. Will be military coöperation on the part of the French &c. &c. — Nothing likely to occur to affect the strict neutrality of the U.S. Cannot but believe that a double mischief has been done by the course which his predecessor felt it his duty to pursue in encouraging the Ministers of the Treaty Powers in the most extravagant expectations of coöperation on our part, and, afterwards, repelling all suggestions of friendly concert on points of common interest which the well known policy of the Govt. authorized &c. Thinks he will have no difficulty in putting this matter right &c. His reception by his fellow-citizens.— Their claims.— Lord Palmerston's declaration in the House of Commons on the 19th. of June last, when he was interrogated as to the Greytown affair, and of his view of the rule of public law affecting neutral claimants, has not escaped the Secy's attention, &c. Can hardly be questioned that this view has reference to possible claims on his L.P's Govt. arising out of the hostilities last fall against Canton, &c. &c. Shall be glad to be furnished with Mr. Marcy's letter on Greytown to the Count de Sartiges, and with the Secretary's views on the doctrine enunciated. Commodore Armstrong's arrival at Hong Kong in very infirm health, &c. Capt. Du Pont's energy and judgment extolled.— Deficiency of War Steamers of light draught. Will soon announce his arrival to the Imperial Commissioner.

9th. February 35 25th. Nov. French Fleet at Macao.—Russian Envoy from Peiho

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			Letter to Keying from P. S. Forbes. Russians at Pei-ho. Russian Treaty with Japan. Announces arrival to Yeh. No answer. Lord Elgin's objection to it. Detention of duties at Fuhchau. American Consuls in China leaving their posts.
20th. Feb.	38	16th. Decr.	Enclosing copy of a letter from the Earl of Elgin, withdrawing the intimation that his delay in going North was due to Dr. Parker's refusal to accompany him.
" "	36	15th. "	Comm. Yeh's evasion of Mr. Reed's request for an interview, and his denial of the necessity or the right to revise the Treaty. Mr. R. has sent him an answer which, it is presumed, closes all correspondence between them. Point now to be settled is whether we shall hereafter meet Chinese public men on terms of equality &c. Hopes the President will approve the course he has pursued. The refusal of the Commissioner to receive him and his inability to take any further measure to compel direct intercourse, reconciles him to the inaction to which he finds himself reduced, and to a tacit acquiescence in the course the belligerents are pursuing. Lord Elgin. His Lordship's real reason for not going North was that he could do nothing without the concert of the French and Americans. Hopes that the assumption on which he has ventured of what would be the disposition of the belligerents after their anticipated victory at Canton is won, will not be disavowed &c. Shall be glad to be furnished with the President's views as to the course to be pursued in case the Chinese authorities refuse to redress the wrongs of the U.S. or to admit us to an equality of such privileges as the belligerents may exact. Has occupied himself in examining and ascertaining the claims arising out of the hostilities of last and this year, and shall be able soon to make a report on them. Sends his correspondence with Thomas Hunt & Co. respecting their claim. Is reluctantly made to believe that some cases of merit and great hardship will be redressed by the Chinese till vigorous measures be threatened &c.

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			Must not suppose that he counsels coercive measures against the Chinese for isolated cases of wrong, to calls attention to the very decisive measures which Mr. Marshall felt himself authorized to take with regard to Mr. Roberts's claim. Blockade of Canton river by the French.- Neutral acquiescence in the partial blockades of the English and French.- Summons to be sent by the allied representatives to the Imperial Commissioner.- Should the fail of Canton produce no result on the Imperial Court, and the allied squadrons and forces proceed to the North, he wishes to know what course the President desires him to pursue. So entirely willing to devote the next season to the public service in China, but hopes that, when that season is over, he may be allowed to return home.- Course of action he shall adopt unless instructed differently by the department.- Urgent despatches may be sent to him in duplicate by California.- His return to the U.S.- Still hopes that the troubles which began at Canton may end there, &c. Nothing in the current business of the Legation which requires the Secretary's attention, except one matter connected with Mr. R.'s judicial functions. (the case of Wetmore vs. Roberts)- Interview under a flag of truce between the French Min. of Legation and some one attached to Lord Elgin's Mission and some Mandarins.- Departure of British troops and Gun Boats.- Baron Gros with the Fleet.- Lord Elgin at Hong Kong.
20th. February	37	14th. Decr.	Sends copy of the new treaty negotiated between Russia and Japan on the 12th. of Octr. 1857, with remarks upon the subject. Part of Lord Elgin's duty to treat with Japan. Mr. Williams's remarks on the treaty forwarded for the consideration of the Department.

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5th March	39	28th Dec.r	Sends copy of two communications from Commissioner Yeh in reply to letters already forwarded to this Department, with remarks upon those communications.- State of matters at Canton.- Current business of the Legation, with one exception, described in accompanying correspondence. This exception has relation to the currency at Fuhchau.- The "Spec" rice question.- Portsmouth despatched to Macao to guard against a possible tumult among the Chinese.- Sends copy of Capt. Simms' report of his proceedings at Formosa, with remarks upon it.- Purchase of Law books for the use of the Legation.- No set of the American State Papers in the Legation. The bombardment of Canton began yesterday, &c.
"	40	30th "	Sends latest intelligence from the city of Canton regarding the military operations of Great Britain and France against that city
5th "		31st "	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co.s his bill for £619-16-7.- Rate of Exchange. Has also drawn on the Department for $543.98
"	41 Mch 5th	"	Has drawn of Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.s his bill for £258-5-3.- Rate of Exchange. Has also drawn on the Department for $226.66.
"	1	13th Jan.y	Employment of American ships for the transportation of Chinese Coolies to the Island of Cuba.- The cases of the "Kate Hooper" the "Challenge" the "Wandering Jew" and "Flora Temple".- Consulate at Shanghai vacant.- Vacant Consulships in China.- Qualifications of individuals to be named for those posts. Return of Emigrant ships clearing from Hong Kong.
"	2	14th "	Refers to despatch No.1, relative to Coolie trade, and to filling vacant Consulates in China.- The U.S. Consulate at Shanghai.- Vice Consul Knapp's return home and his appointment of Mr. J. H. B. Jenkins as acting Vice Consul &c. Mr. Albert Freeman commis.

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			tioned to act as Consul till the pleasure of the Presi. dent is known. Great circumspection required in these Consular appointments, &c. Mr. Roberts as U.S. Vice Consul at Hong Kong.
15th. March	3	14th. Jan.	Fall and occupation of the City of Canton by the English and French. - Capture of the Imperial Commissioner Yeh. Commodore Armstrong and his return to the U.S. - His des. patch No. 1 entrusted to Com. A.'s Private Secretary.
"	"		To the President. - Encloses note from Sir John Bowring, rela. tive to the U.S. Consulate at Shanghai. - Mr. Murphy - Mr. Knapp. - Calls careful attention to the U.S. Consular Corps in China, &c. - Latest dates, 28th Oct. - Arrival of the Mississippi.
13th. April	6	26th. "	Sends Consular correspondence since the last mail, and reports that it is very satisfactory. Has not yet received an answer from Mr. Freeman to whom he tendered the post of Vice Consul at Shanghai.
"	"	4 25th. "	Relative to the difficulties made by the United States Consul at Foo Chow respecting duties and currency.
"	"	5 26th. "	Documents found at the capture of Canton. - State of things at Canton. - The civil war in China. - Arrival of Commodore Tatnall.
		7 1st. Feb.	Relative to the claims of American citizens on the Chinese Government.
		8 4th. -	Transmits copy of an important document or decree from the Council of State at Pekin to the Imperial Commissioner and the Governors General of the two Eastern Provinces, illustrating the views of the Emperor touching the revision of treaties, which was found among Yeh's archives at Canton with re marks upon it.

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	9	13th Feb.	Encloses recent correspondence (relative to Chinese affairs) between the Plenipotentiaries of the treaty Powers in China to which correspondence the early attention of the President is invited. Hopes that the course which he has adopted, and the views which, in his part of this correspondence, he has expressed, will meet the approval of the President &c. Assistance req.d by him from the Flag officer in command there. - Refers to previous despatches. - Raising of the Blockade. - Commissioner Yeh. - His friendly cooperation with the allied Powers in sending a letter to the Imperial Court at Pekin, &c. In the event of a persistent and contemptuous refusal on the part of the Chinese to entertain any friendly proposition, to afford redress for injuries, or to revise the treaty wishes to know what then will be the duty of the representative of the U.S. and asks to be invested with certain coercive powers.
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20th Apl.	41	31st Decr.	Sends accounts for contingent expenses of the Legation with remarks upon them. - Has purchased a copy of Wheaton's International Law for the use of the Legation. - Stationary wanted.
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1st May		23rd Feb.	Private. Wishes paragraph which appears in his No. 9, in relation to Lord Elgin's conversation with him, to be regarded as confidential.
"	10	26th "	State of affairs at Canton - Rumour as to a communication from Pekin to the Emperor, and a Special Commissioner being on his way to Canton to attempt negotiations. - Baron Gros. - Lord Elgin. - Sends Consular correspondence. - Cases of the "Wandering Jew" and the "Norway" of New York. - The Coolie Trade. - Opium Trade. - Mexican dollar question. - Correspondence with U.S. Vice Consuls at Singapore and Calcutta. - Expediency of one of our national vessels visiting the last named place. - Claim of James Jardon & Co. for loss of property at Canton. Permission wanted for him to return to the U.S. - His departure for Shanghai. Reads private correspondence between himself and the Chinese Ministers.

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16th June	31	31st March	His draft on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for £258-5-3.- Rate of exchange. His draft on the Department for $226.67.
" "			Handed to Mr. Reed 16th June to be forwarded to Secretary of State
			His draft on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for £19-16-7.- Rate of Exchange. His draft on the Department for $544.
" "	12	3d April	Sends Consul Perry's correspondence descriptive of the state of things at and near Canton.- Arrival of the U.S. Ship Mississippi at Woosung.
	11	" "	Arrival at Shanghai from Manila.- Letters for Peking sent from Suchau.- Commissioner Hwang sent to Canton in place of Yeh.- Reply comes from Peking refusing correspondence.- Unfriendly while it is civil.- Hwang seems to have no powers to settle all points.- Treaty allows right to correspond with Peking direct.- Resolve of all Plenipotentiaries to go to Peiho together.- Coöperation with the allies to be peaceful.- Auspices will coöperate peacefully.- Agreement of opinion among four Ministers.- Lord Elgin's address to British merchants.- Shall now take all U.S. ships North.
1st July	13	10th "	About to sail for the mouth of the Peiho.- Change of style of his replies to the Provincial Governors and the Council of State at Peking.- Sends copies of the papers actually transmitted, to be substituted for those accompanying his No. 11.- Sends also translations of Chinese letter to Baron Gros and of his reply and that of Count Poutiatine The forwarding of the same.- Interview with the Intendant of Shanghai declined by Mr. Reed.- Hopes the President will examine the correspondence.- Remarks upon it.- Lord Elgin and his sympathy, &c. for the Chinese.- Objects contemplated

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			by the proposed movement to the North.- Importance and uncertainty of the crisis.- Letter from Keying.- Use of part of his Special credit.- Consulates.- Appointment of Mr. George B. Glover as Consul, at Shanghai.- Want of a prison- Coolie Trade.- Withdrawal of the greater part of Russell Coˢ. claim on the Chinese Government.
9th. July	3.	8th. April	Transmits Decree and Regulation of the 27th. of February, 1858, to be laid before Congress for revision.
20th. "	14	28th. "	Consular matters.- The Consulate at Shanghai.- Appointment of Mr. George B. Glover as Vice Consul at that place.- Mistaken Policy of the U.S. Govt. in prohibiting Consuls in China from taking any active participation in trade &c.- What persons make the best Consuls.- Mr. Bradley.- Sends further correspondence on the Coolie Trade and invites attention to it.- Sends also his correspondence with Russell & Coˢ. on the subject of their claim.- Desecration of graves.
"	15	"	The "Mississippi" anchored in the Gulf of Pichili on the 17th. inst.- Removal of the Legation from her to the "Minnesota".- English and French Squadrons.- Arrival of Russian, English and French Plenipotentiaries.- Appointment of an Imperial Commissioner for the purpose of negotiation.- The Imperial Commissioner has asked an interview on shore with Count Poutiatine and Mr. Reed.- Informality in the address of the Imperial Commissioner's letter, &c. &c.
10th. Augt.	16	6th. May	Detailing what has occurred from the time of his arrival in the Gulf of Pichili until the date of this despatch.
"	17	15th. "	Explanatory of the course which he has felt it his

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			duty to pursue, involving a difference of opin. ion with the Plenipotentiaries of England and France. Result of his interviews with the Imperial Commissioners. - Recapitulates the points of the course which he and Count Poutiatine have deemed it their duty to pursue. - Mr. Bradley temporarily attached to the Legation during Mr. R.'s visit to the North. - The Consulate at Ningpo in the hands of Mr. Way during Mr. Bradley's absence. - Receipt of despatches Nos. 8 and 9, respectively enclosing his new commission and several copies of Mr. Marcy's Greytown letter but without the views of the Department on the subject to which Mr. Marcy's letter relates. - Receipt also of letter from the Secy. of the Navy, relative to light draught steamers. - Mr. R.'s great want of such vessels. - The chartered steamer "Antelope".
10th. August	18	21st. May	Capture of the Taku forts by the allied naval forces of Great Britain and France. - Resumes the narrative of what has occurred since his last despatch. - President's letter to the Emperor delivered to the Imperial Commissioner. - Mr. Williams' informal conference with Tsien, the Treasurer of the Province, &c., on the subject of a revision of the Treaty. - Refusal of the Emperor to admit foreign Envoys at Peking. - The false issues raised by the English and French Plenipotentiaries. - Circumstances under which hostilities against China will be suspended. - Embarrassment of Mr. Reed's position. Inducements held out ~~by the Chinese authorities~~ to him and the Russian Minister not to withdraw but to remain and follow the other Plenipotentiaries up the River. - Captain Nicholson made bearer of despatches to Shanghai.

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2d. Sept.	19	29th. May	Receipt of despatch No. 10, enclosing copy of Mr. Murphy's communication on Chinese finance, currency, and diplomacy, which shall receive due attention.- Regrets to be compelled to file in the archives of the Legation a paper reflecting indecorously, and he thinks, most unjustly, upon the official conduct of Dr. Parker. Is left to infer that his own despatches since No. 3, of the 10th. of Novr. have not reached the Department.
"	20	2d. June	The opinion which he hazarded that an advance by military or other means on the Capital would be a failure, has proved to be erroneous, &c. Advises the Department of what has occurred since the date of his No. 18, in their progress towards Peking.
18th. "	21	15th. "	Non receipt of despatches.- Resumes the narrative of occurrences in China, leading slowly, but, he trusts, surely, to a successful negotiation.- His interview with their Excellencies Kweiliang and Hwashana.- Read to them a paper which, as embodying his views, he takes the liberty of making a part of this despatch.- Credentials on both sides exhibited, &c.- Mr. Williams selected on Mr. Reed's part, and Chang on the part of China, to discuss the project of a treaty.- Mr. R.'s obligations to Mr. Williams and to his Interpreter, Mr. Martin.- Minutes of the interview annexed to this despatch.- Emperor's reply to the President's letter.- Mr. R.'s interview with Keying, the former Governor Genl. at Canton, &c.- Misconduct of one of the English subordinate officials in using violent language to the Imperial Commissioners.- Mr. R.'s interposition in the matter.- Lord Elgin's reply.- Receipt of the Emperor's letter to the President.- Keying's appointment as Commissioner, &c.- Remarks upon the Emperor's letter to the President.

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			The Secretaries appointed to conduct preliminary discussions have been actively engaged in considering the provisions of a new treaty, and are advancing satisfactorily &c. - The Russian treaty signed on the 13th. instant. - His anxiety for the end of the pending discussion. - The daily expectation of troops from the South, and possible hostile march on Peking, &c. If the Chinese, after making a treaty with any one nation, refuse to negotiate with him, or deny the U.S. an absolute equality of privilege with others, he will refer the matter to his Government &c.
18th. September	22	18th. June	Has to-day signed a Treaty and Convention with the Chinese Imperial Commissioners. - Will send the Treaty by the next mail steamer.
11th. October		14th. July	Charles William Bradley appointed Special bearer of despatches, and entrusted with the Emperor's letter to the President, the treaty signed on the 18th. June, and sundry despatches to the Secr. of State. Mr. Bradley's compensation.
11th. "	23	30th. June	Mr. C. W. Bradley takes the treaty. - Means of success. - Embarrassment of Mr. Reed's position. - Two points, Ministers at Pekin and navigation of rivers refused. - Effects of Foreign Ministers residing at Pekin. Ceremonial of Chinese Court. - Annual visit to Capital. - Navigation of rivers. - Ingress into China. - Dates of four treaties. No limitation of time in treaty. Article I. Mediation in cases of difficulty. - 2, 3. Publication and preservation of treaty. 4. Direct correspondence with officers. - Duties of Privy Council. - 5. Annual visit to Pekin - Visit now inopportune. - Ratifications exchanged at Pekin. - 6. Future Permanent

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residence at Pekin.—7. nearly identical with the 30th article of the treaty of Wanghia.—8. Personal intercourse with officers. 9. Ships of war.—10. Consuls' rights and standing. 11. Ex-territoriality. U.S. should fulfill its obligations.—12. Buying, renting houses and lands.—13. Crews of wrecked vessels.—14. New ports opened.—Four others to be opened. Opium why not mentioned. 15. Tariff to be settled.—16. Tonnage dues to be equalized on American ships.—May be applied to improve the ports.—17 Corresponds with articles 8 of the former treaty regulating Pilots, &c. 18. Consolidation of portions of articles 9 and 29 of the former treaty as to the surrender of mutineers and maintenance of order.—19. Nearly identical with article 10 of the former treaty. There is added to it, a stipulation providing for an appeal to the Consul of any friendly power or directly to the Superintendent of Customs in case of a vacancy in the Consulate of the U.S. 20 as to the adjustment of ad valorem duties is the same as article 11 of the old treaty. 21. Re-exportation of foreign grain.—22. Payment of duties. Responsibility of Consuls.—Currency of China.—23. As to transhipment is the same as article 14 of the old treaty, with an improvement of its phraseology, and a requisition of a written permit of transhipment. 24 Recovery of debts due from and to citizens of the U.S. same as article 16 of the old treaty. 25 Free employment of teachers and linguists and their community, corresponds with article 18 of the old treaty.—26. As to neutrality and embargoes is article 22 of the former treaty adapted to the new ports. 27 as to rights of property is article 25 of the old treaty.—28.—Chinese applying to Consuls. 29. Toleration of Christianity—American Missionaries in China. Nature of the toleration granted. 30. Derivative privileges obtained.—Ratification of treaty.—Kiying's position and degra-

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			dation. Return of the ratified copy of the treaty of Wanghia to the Imperial Commissioners. Claims of Americans for losses. Leave to return.
11th. October	24	1st. July	His arrangement for the prospective liquidation of the claims of American citizens for losses, &c., at and in the neighborhood of Canton viz: one fifth of all the tonnage, import and export duties paid by American ships at Canton Fuhchau and Shanghai to be deducted and applied to the liquidation of those claims.
"	"	25	2d. " Arrival of the mail without any despatches for him. Communication from Mr. de Stoeckl to Count Poutiatine delivered. The French Minister has read to Mr. Reed a despatch from the Count de Sartige to Count Walewski, containing the information that the President has approved Mr. Reed's conduct in uniting peacefully with the Allies &c. His mortifying dependence on others for the views of his own Govt. Last letter from the Secretary dated 8th. of Feb. - Is about to proceed to Shanghai in the "Minnesota"
"	"	26	13th. " Sends the items of the expenditures connected with the visit of the American Legation to the Gulf of Pichili and Tientsin amounting to $3207.35. Has drawn upon the Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. for the amount, &c.
"	"	27	" " His arrival on the 11th. inst. at Shanghai. - Lord Elgin arrived there on the 12th. Baron Gros and Count Poutiatine still in the North. Receipt of copy of the British treaty from Lord Elgin. Sends copy of the letter which accompanied it, with a copy of his reply.

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			Restoration of entire friendly feeling between the representatives of Western Powers. – By the next mail will forward copies of the Russian, English and French treaties, with his comments upon them.
11th. Oct.		13th. July	Has drawn on Baring, Brothers, & Co. for amount of salary for quarter ending 30th. June, 1858. – Rate of Exchange. Has drawn on the Department for the loss by Exchange, &c.
23d. "	No. 11	"	Receipt of despatch of 11th. Feb'y. 1858. The doubt about his drafts. Has drawn on the Messrs. Barings for £77-9s-7d and on the Department for loss by exchange. – Suggests that the opinion of the Attorney Gen'l. in reference to the construction of the act of 18th. Augt. 1856 in the question involved in his letter be Transmitted to the Legation of the U.S. in China. His draft of November.
" "	28	24th "	Sends translation of a despatch from the Imperial Commissioners with a decree from the Emperor ratifying the Treaty between the United States and China of the 18th. of June, 1858, with remarks. Congratulatory. Sends two letters from the Russian and French Ministers and his reply, further illustrative of the friendly relations of the Western Powers. – Receipt of despatch No. 11. Requests that despatches may be addressed to him at Hong Kong, and be sent by the way of Marseilles.
"	29	29th. "	Sends copies of the Treaties signed on the 13th. 26th. and 27th. ultimo by the Ministers of Russia, Great Britain and France, and adds a few remarks on such of the provisions of them as interest the United States and its citizens under our most favored clause. – Sad state of affairs at Canton. Chinese Commissioners on their way to Shanghai to arrange the details of the revised Tariff.

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		31st July.	Private.—Receipt of private letter of the 22d of May. Has been out of spirits at not hearing from the Govern. ment at home for a long time, &c. His public despatch, which goes by this mail, contains the latest public intelligence, and Genl. Cass will see that with the exception of the Canton difficulty, every thing looks well in China. Mr. Cass may consider this very much as Mr. R's final despatch on Treaty matters, as it will be necessary for Mr. R. at as early a period as possible in the winter to return home. Shall be glad to have an acknowledgment of this despatch directed to him in duplicate, &c. Relies on Genl. Cass and Mr. Toucey to let the "Minnesota" bring him to the Red Sea.—Remarks about the appointment of his successor, &c.—Mr. S. Wells Williams.—Refers to a passage in Genl. Cass' private letter where he speaks of Mr. Reed's proposition to unite with the English and French in a hostile movement. Is under the impression that the new treaty will require a new act of Congress, and shall soon forward the sketch of such a one as he thinks is needed.—Lease of land for a Naval Depot in the Canton River.—Lord Elgin gone to Japan.—Mr. Reed to remain at Shanghai till the Imperial Commissioners arrive.
12th November		14th Sept.	Treaty of limits between Russia and China signed, adding the left bank of the Amoor and its territory &c. to Russia.—Looks for Count Poutiatin every day.—Lord Elgin in Japan.—Baron Gros at Shanghai, &c. M. R. adheres to his intention to leave China at the latest in December.—R. d. Rumor that Consul Genl. Harris had succeeded in visiting Yedo and having an interview with the Emperor.
		3d Sept.	To the President.—Congratulates him upon a new diplomatic success in the East.—Mr. Harris' treaty with Japan

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			Lord Elgin - His treaty with Japan, and his obligations to Mr. Harris. - Appointment of Mr. Reed's successor. - Dr. Williams capable of filling the post, &c. - The vacant Consulates on the coast. - Recommends Mr. Oliver C. Roberts for the Consulate of Hong Kong.
1st. Decr	32	15th Sept.	Receipt of despatch No. 12. - Thanks to the Secy. of the Navy. - His return to the U.S. - His gratitude to the naval service in China. - Return of the English and Russian Ministers from Japan. - The treaties signed by them &c. - Lord Elgin's obligations to Mr. Harris. - Return of the Russian Minister to Europe. Baron Gros departure for Japan. - Arrangement of the details of the new tariffs. - News from Canton understood to be favorable &c. - Lease of an Island in the Canton river. - Remarks upon the manner in which his successor should be accredited and equipped on the occasion of his first visit to Peking.
17th Nov.	30	1st. "	Delay in the arrival of the Commissioners appointed to revise the Tariff. - Revision of the Tariff. - The Canton difficulty. Attack on the Town of Nantow by a combined military and naval force. Wretched condition of things in the South of China. Thinks that the only effectual remedy for existing and inevitable evil is the evacuation of Canton. Expected arrival of French troops at Canton. - Lord Elgin not yet returned from Japan, &c. - Consul Harris' treaty with Japan. - Its provisions. - The opening of China and Japan to the trade and policy of the West. The current business of the Legation. Calls attention to the subject of the Coolies between China and the West Indies. Necessity of Prisons at the Consular Ports. - Sends sketch of such an act of Congress as seems to him to be required by the provisions of the new Treaty, with remarks upon it.

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1st. December	31	4th. Sept.r	Sends duplicate copy of the treaty between the United States and China, of the 18th. of June, 1858. Duplicate originals retained for the present. Speculations as to the manner in which the new treaties will be fulfilled on the part of the Chinese. Organization of the Chinese Government. Refers incidentally to the opium trade.
1859			
11th. January	1 W.B.R.	12. Oct.r	Has drawn on the Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for £258 - 5 - 3. Rate of exchange at the date of his draft. Has also drawn on the Department for loss by exchange &c.
" "	W.B.R.	"	Has drawn on the Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for £619 - 12 - 7. Rate of exchange at the date of his draft. Has also drawn on the Department for the loss by exchange &c.
18th. "	35	5th. Nov.r	Receipt of despatch No. 13, enclosing a communication from the Portuguese Minister at Washington. Has written to the Govr. of Macao, &c. - The tariff and regulations of trade not yet completed. Hopes by the next mail to forward a supplementary convention on these subjects. - The English and French Plenipotentiaries still at Shanghai. - Visits of friendly ceremony exchanged between the Chinese High Commissioners and the Plenipotentiaries of England, France, and the U.S. - Refers to an accompanying note from Lord Elgin, in which he announces his intention, with the implied consent of the Chinese Imperial Commissioners, to ascend the Yang-tsz-kiang, on a sort of exploratory expedition. - Remarks upon the proposed expedition. Diplomatic residence at Peking. - Factory sites at Canton. - Intelligence from Canton generally satisfactory - Trade partially resumed &c. - Irregularity on the

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			part of the English Vice Consul brought to the notice of Lord Elgin.- Remarks upon the mischief inseparable from irregular Consular action in applying what is considered energetic redress for wrongs, especially in the mode of discharging ships.- Case of a claim known as that of the "Mermaid" an American vessel, settled and the money paid to the claimants.- No unadjusted claim remains at Shanghai.- Revival of the Havana Coolie Trade.- French scheme of Chinese emigration to Algiers and the West India Colonies.- Baron Gros' return from Japan, after having signed a Treaty with the new Emperor.- Sends a letter brought to him by Baron Gros from Mr. Harris.
1st Jan.	33	21st Oct.	His visit to Japan.- French Plenipotentiary sailed for Yedo on the 6th Sept.- Death of the Emperor of Japan.- Mr. Reed's visit to Nagasaki.- Acknowledges the courtesy and friendliness of Mr. Donker Curtius, the Dutch Plenipotentiary and his staff at Dezima.- Nangasaki.- Arrival of the Imperial Commissioners and the Gov. Gen. at Shanghai. Lord Elgin's discussion of the new tariff.- The Commissioners have issued a Proclamation announcing the treaties and have also agreed to memorialize the Throne to dismiss Yehang the Gov. Gen. at Canton.- Encloses his correspondence with the Commissioners up to the date of this despatch.- The new tariff. When the new tariff is completed it is his intention to return home by the way of Europe, where he hopes to be in January. Shall sail about the 1st of Decr.- Sends copies of a series of very interesting papers found in one of the Yamens in Canton in Jan., 1858, and only given to him last week by Lord Elgin. Calls attention to those papers and also to the time when they were made known to him, with remarks at length upon the whole subject. When the tariff conferences are concluded will communicate the result.

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1859 11th Jan.ʸ	34	1858 22. Octʳ	Consulate at Macao vacant by death of Mr. Rawle. Mr. Gideon Nye appointed Vice Consul till the pleasure of the President be known. - Arrival of Consul Smith at Shanghai. Discharge by him of all the American convicts in the British jail. - Coolie Trade to the West Indies &c. - Recommends the appointment of Consuls with salaries at some of the new ports opened by the Treaties of Tientsin. - Augustine Heard & Coᵉ claim for a return of duties, adjusted. Encloses notification of the blockade of the ports of Cochinchina by a combined French and Spanish force.
9th Febʸ		29th Novʳ	His appointment of Lieut. Henry Erben, of the U. S. Navy, Special bearer of despatches. Has entrusted to his care the two supplementary treaties signed by Mr. Reed at Shanghai on the 8th Novʳ &c. Mr. Erben compensation for this service subject to the approval of the Department.
10th "	36	9th "	Transmitting two supplementary Conventions signed by him with the Chinese Imperial Commissioners - one purely commercial embodying a revised Tariff and new regulations of trade and transit - the other finally adjusting the indemnities due to our citizens. - His observations with regard to the Commercial treaty above referred to, and the continuance and extension of the "Foreign Inspectorate of Shanghai."
"	37	10th "	Explanatory of the Convention signed at Shanghai for the final adjustment of claims of American citizens. - Occupation of Canton. - Has had occasion to use an additional portion of the Special Contingent Fund placed at his disposal &c.

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9th Feb'y	38	12th Nov.	Sends copy of treaty recently concluded on the part of the Emperor of the French with the Emperor of Japan.- Baron Gros.- French and Spanish expedition to Cochin China.
"	39	25th "	His arrival at Hong Kong.- Will probably leave China on the 8th Decr. &c. Sends correspondence between himself and Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, showing the pleasant relations existing between them. Mr. Reed indebted to Sir Michael Seymour for many acts of kindness.
"	40	29th "	Has appointed Lieut. Henry Erben of the U.S.N. Special bearer of despatches, & expresses the hope that he may be allowed the usual compensation of a bearer of despatches in charge of a Treaty.
4th	41	8th Decr.	Sails to-day (8th Decr.) homeward leaving the archives of the Legation in the hands of Mr. Williams, as Chargé d'Affaires. Has drawn his salary up to the day of leaving China. His return salary.
"	42	"	Sends remaining items of expenditures connected with the negotiations with the Imperial Commissioners. Has drawn upon Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for these extraordinary expenses &c. &c.
"	43	"	Sends the accounts for contingent expenses of the Legation incurred during the year 1858, including the postage paid in London by the despatch Agent for the five quarters ending Sept. 30, 1858. Receipt of box of stationery and of box of Congressional Documents for the Legation.
"		"	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. for £468-6-4.- Rate of Exchange.- Has drawn on the Department for the loss in Exchange &c.
		29th Nov.	To the President.- The Supplementary Treaties signed at Shanghai.- Will be necessary to ask the prompt action of Congress with regard to the one adjusting the claims.- Hopes his views will be adopted allowing the Commission to sit in China. If so, suggests the names

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19th. May		18th. May	Left China on the 8th. of Dec.r 1858 - Reached his residence in Philadelphia on the 11th. May, 1859. - Sends his account for return salary.

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23d. "	3	12th Feb.y	Sends short correspondence between himself and Baron Gros, with a copy of the Supplementary treaty of the tariff and Commercial regulations signed by him with the Imperial Commissioners on the 24th. of Nov.r last.- Baron Gros- Lord Elgin. Reported that the Superintendency of British Trade will be dissevered from the office of the Governor of Hong Kong &c. Concentration of foreign commerce at Shanghai.- State of affairs at Canton, &c.- The debenture certificates to be applied to the liquidation of American claims.- The Imperial Commissioners, &c.
6th. "	2	28th Jan.y	Receipt of circular respecting the form of drawing bills upon the Department.- Remarks upon the regulation.- Again adverts to the attack of the Braves at Canton upon the allied troops.- Rear-Admiral Seymour's visit to Fuhchau.- Makes some observations touching the observance and fulfilment by China of her recent treaties with Western Powers.- The Imperial Commissioners still at Shanghai, &c.- Encloses copy of letter from Rear-Admiral Seymour, relative to assistance rendered by H. B. M.'s Gun-boat "Banterer" in rescuing two Lorchas and an American citizen from the Pirates.

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4th Apl.		12th Jany.	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring Brothers, & Co. for £258-5-3.- Rate of exchange at the date of his draft. Has also drawn on the Dept. for loss by exchange, &c. [Given to Mr. Stubbs.]
"	1	14th "	Lord Elgin's trip up the Yangtsz'kiang.- Ships attacked by the Nanking insurgents.- Reach Wu-hsi.- Character of the insurgents.- Again attacked at Nanking.- Reception at Wuchang and Hankau.- Ravages made by the insurgents.- Imperial Commissioners evade convention for payment of claims.- Regulation of the steamers at Canton.- Attack of the braves at Canton.- Homicide of W. C. Knapp, near Fuhchau.- Light House on Pratas Shoal.
23d "	3	12th Feb.	Sends short correspondence between himself and Baron Gros, with a copy of the supplementary treaty of the tariff and Commercial regulations signed by him with the Imperial Commissioners on the 24th of Novr. last.- Baron Gros.- Lord Elgin. Reported that the Superintendency of British Trade will be discovered from the office of the Governor of Hong Kong &c. Concentration of foreign commerce at Shanghai.- State of affairs at Canton, &c.- The debenture certificates to be applied to the liquidation of American claims.- The Imperial Commissioners, &c.
6th "	2	28th Jan.	Receipt of circular respecting the form of drawing bills upon the Department.- Remarks upon the regulation.- Again adverts to the attack of the Braves at Canton upon the allied troops.- Rear-Admiral Seymour's visit to Fuhchau.- Makes some observations touching the observance and fulfilment by China of her recent treaties with Western Powers.- The Imperial Commissioners still at Shanghai, &c.- Encloses copy of letter from Rear-Admiral Seymour, relative to assistance rendered by H. B. M.'s Gun-boat "Banterer" in rescuing two Lorchas and an American citizen from the Pirates.

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1859		1859	
2d. May		25. Feb.	Asking a furlough to return to the United States for the period of two years.
"	4	"	State of political affairs in China. The proceedings and designs of the French in Cochinchina. - Sickness of men on ship and shore. - Adherence of the Chinese to the terms of the convention for liquidating claims. - Delay in reporting that convention to the Emperor. - Violent conduct of American pilots, sailors and others of that class at Fuhchow. Refers to his despatch No. 1, and encloses letters bearing on the subject of an act of piracy and the murder of an American citizen on the coast east of Fuhchow with remarks upon the case. Date of last despatch rec. from the Dept. - Approval of the Treaty of Tientsin by this Govt. English and French Plenipotentiaries to remain near Canton until the ratified copies of their respective Treaties arrive from London and Paris. Belgian Envoy unable to form a treaty with China. - Revision of the Treaty between Portugal and China. - Change in the management of Chinese foreign Affairs &c.
18th. "	5	12th. March	Receipt of despatch No. 13 of the 16th. Oct. - Lord Elgin. Foreign residences at Canton. - Vessels on the coast under U.S. flag. - Debentures issued at Shanghai. - Coolie Trade. - Expedition of the allies to Kwangsi.
17th. June	6	12th. April	Debentures for claims. - Money for claims paid at Fuhchau. - At Canton duties retained for this purpose. - Allies at Canton. - Coolie Trade. - Exportation from Macao in 1858. - American ships in Coolie Trade. - French Legation. - Cochinchina. The evacuation of the city of Canton commenced by the allies.

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18.th June	7	22.d Apl.	Receipt of despatches of 24.th and 26.th Jan.y advising him of the appointment of W. W. Ward as Sec.y of Legation, and giving directions respecting the form for drawing his salary.- Retention of duties at Canton for claims.- Interpreter for Canton Consulate.- Traffic in Coolies, efforts to regulate it.- Reception of Foreign Ministers at Peking.- The Insurrection in China.
29.th "	24 Sec.y	Apl.	Transmitting Regulations for the Consular Courts of the United States in China, of the 9.th of Nov.r, 1858, for the revision of Congress.
27.th July	8	4.th May	Collection of claims at Canton. Messrs. Olyphant & Co.s acceptance of the appointment of Receivers.- Terms of the claims Convention complied with by the Chinese. Adjudication of claims.- Coolie Trade- Is it lawful or not.? Need of deciding the Point.- Charterer of the "Swallow" asks for an officer. Emigration Agent necessary.- Arrival of the Hon.ble F. W. A. Bruce, (the English Minister to Peking) at Hong Kong.

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1859		1859	
22d January		22d Jany.	Receipt of his personal instructions. - Left home to proceed on his mission on the 15th Jany. 1859.
29th "	W.W.W.	27th "	Receipt of his commission as Secy. of legation, his printed personal instructions &c. accepts the appointment. His acknowledgments to the President. Georgia his native State. - Returns letter of credit with his signature attached.
31st "	2	29th "	Receipt of despatch No. 3, relative to extending his good offices to Bremen citizens and interests in China. Will be happy to do so.
"	To H.D.	"	Relative to the obtaining of permits for himself and suite to land their luggage at Southampton and Havre without examination by the custom house authorities.
31st March	3	17th March	Receipt of despatch No. 4. Will avail himself of an early opportunity to inform Mr. Perozike, the diplomatic agent of Russia at Pekin, of his arrival in China, &c. &c. - His interview with Count Walewski in relation to China and presentation to the Emperor of France who spoke of sending small vessels of War to China, expressed great doubts as to the fulfilment of the treaty stipulations by the Chinese, and said that his Minister would not reside at Peking. Regrets that no opportunity was afforded him of communicating with the British Minister of Foreign Affairs. His interview with Mr. Bruce the successor of Lord Elgin. Mr. Bruce's departure for China. - Reason Mr. Ward did not accompany him. - Has made arrangements for meeting Mr. Reed at Lyons on the 24th of March. - Will then proceed to Marseilles and embark for Alexandria

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1859		1859	dria in the steamer of the 28th. for China. Urges the increase of our Squadron in the China sea.
4th. April			In commendation of Judge Mason.
9th. "	4	26th. March	Mr. Reed's arrival at Lyons. - His interview with him. Mr. R. apprehends that Mr. Ward will experience some difficulty in reaching Peking, and much trouble in enforcing the collection of American claims. - Leaves in the morning for Marseilles &c. and intends to lose no time in reaching Shanghai.
	H. Wikoff	17th. May	Relative to the supposed inadequacy of the sum advanced to him to defray his travelling and other incidental expenses as bearer of despatches to China.
2d. July	5	3d. "	Arrived at Penang on the 28th. April where he found the "Powhatan" awaiting his arrival. Now off Singapore on his way to Hong Kong, whence he will proceed to the Peiho river, and endeavor to reach Pekin as soon as possible. Hopes to be in Pekin by the 1st. of June, &c.
29th. Augt.	14	13th. June	Messrs. Bruce and Bourboulon the English and French Ministers in China, advised of Mr. Ward's appointment, &c. His departure from Hong Kong for Peking. His correspondence and interview at Shanghai with the Imperial Commissioners. Obstacles in the way of exchanging the ratifications of the treaty at Peking within the time limited in that instrument &c. - Sends copy of Mr. Bruce's correspondence with the Chinese Commissioners; also copy of correspondence with regard to the subsistence of American prisoners in the British jail. - Asks authority to rent a building for a prison.
27th. Sept.	15	4th. July	Annexes copy of the communications addressed to Mr. Bruce by the Imperial Commissioners before leaving Shanghai. At the Peiho. Obstructions prevented entrance. Engagement between the British and French and the Chinese. Non-in-

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			tervention of the American Minister. Commo. dore Tattnall's humane conduct towards the British Admiral in towing up the boats, approved by Mr. Ward. The "Toey Wan" despatched with a letter to the Governor Gen.l of the Province, who replied that commands had been received for conducting Mr. Ward to Peking. - Asks that his recall may be sent for him to return in March, and that permission be granted him to return by the way of Europe, and spend a few months there with his family.
9th November	16	10th July	Sends copy of correspondence between himself and the Gov.r General of the Province of Chihli. His interview with that functionary concerning his journey to Peking. Gov.r Gen.l stated distinctly that the treaty was to be exchanged at Peking, and to get Mr. W. does not expect to go there. His impression is that the Chinese are determined to break all the treaties, so far as relates to a visit to or residence in Peking &c. &c. The English and French Ministers have started for Shanghai.
18th "	J. W. Williams	2d Sept.r	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. for £258-5-3 for amount of salary due for the quarter ending 30th June 1859. - Rate of exchange. Has also drawn on the Dept for loss by exchange &c.
W. W. W.	31st	Sept.r	Has drawn on the Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for £117-17 for balance of Salary for the quarter ending 30th June 1859. - Rate of exchange. Has also drawn upon the Dept. for the loss by exchange &c.
17	20th	"	The stipulation of the treaty as to the mediation of the U.S. when difficulties arise between China and

Rec.d 18th Nov.r 1859.

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1859		1859	other nations.– His journey to Peking.– His acknowledgments to Mr. Martin.– Erection of his audience with the Emperor discussed.– Delivery of the Presidents letter.– Ratifications of the treaty exchanged at Pehtang on the 16th of Sept. 1859.– A British subject taken prisoner by the Chinese and turned over to Mr. Ward.– His acknowledgments due to the Russian Minister at Peking. Thanks to Flag Officer Tatnall.
18th Nov.	18	1st Sept.	Receipt of communication from Mr. Nikoff (who was too unwell to proceed on his journey to Peking) informing him that he was the bearer of two Conventions between the U.S. and China.– Receipt of despatches Nos. 5, 6, and 7. His stay at the North.– Regrets that the Conventions were not forwarded to him in time to have the ratifications exchanged at the time and place of the exchange of the Treaty of Tientsin.– Remarks upon the subject of the exchange of the ratifications of the Conventions. Has transmitted to Messrs. Roberts and Bradley the instructions of the Dept. to them as Commissioners to adjust the claims of American citizens. Has appointed Macao as the place of meeting and the 10th of Nov. as the time. The battle of the Peiho has done much to unsettle the condition of things in China.– Will not, if he can help it, permit the English to monopolize for their own purposes the whole of the old site of the foreign factories, at Canton. Has not yet received the promised papers in the case of the Caldera, which case will command his earnest and anxious attention.
19	17th	.	Delay of the Chinese in publishing the Treaty. Mr. Ward's willingness to delay the new Commercial Treaty regulations till the Anglo French difficulty is settled. His reasons. Coolie Trade. Emperor's letter to the President.

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1859 17th Dec.r	W.W.W.	1859 30th Sept.r	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, &c. for £154-19-2 for amount of salary due for the quarter ending Sept.r 30 1859. Rate of exchange. Has also drawn upon the Dept. for loss by exchange &c.
1860 4th Jan.y	"	"	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, &co. for £516-10-7 for amount of salary for quarter ending Sept.r 30, 1859.—Rate of Exchange. Has also drawn on the Dept. for loss by exchange &c.
"	S.W.W.	"	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring and Brothers, &co. for £258-5-3 for amt. of salary due for the quarter ending 30th Sept.r 1859. Rate of Exchange. Has also drawn on the Dept. for loss by Exchange &c.
"	20	20th Oct.r	Receipt of despatch No.8, with copy of the Attorney General's opinion on the subject of the Coolie Trade. His visit to Yedo, in Company with Com.r Tattnall, with a view of ascertaining when the Japanese Commissioners would leave for the U.S., &c., &c. His interviews with the Prime Minister of Japan. Termination of his official residence on board of the "Powhatan."—Expresses his obligations to Flag Officer Tattnall and the officers under his command, for uniform courtesy and kindness &c. Efficiency of the Chief Engineer, Mr. Shock.—Receipt of a communication of the 17th Sept.r '59, from the Govern.r Gen.l in reply to Mr. Ward's last communication to him, relative to proclaiming the treaty, &c. Interview between the U.S. Consul at Shanghai and the Taotai.—Encloses copy of Gov.r General's letters of 17th Sept.r & 16th Oct.r, 1859, of Mr. Ward's reply, and of the Conversation at the interview between the Consul and the Taotai. Will see from them the

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1860		1859	present condition of things there, in relation to carrying into effect the stipulations of the new treaty. His impression that the Chinese Govt. is really desirous of carrying out in good faith all the stipulations of the treaty, &c. Fears that there is an effort on the part of other nations to prevent the American treaty being carried into effect until their own affairs have been arranged. As soon as he learns that the treaty has been published in the U.S., he will, unless otherwise instructed, order the Consuls at all the open ports to collect the tonnage dues on American ships, according to the provisions of the new treaty. This, in his opinion, is the only provision of the treaty it is important at once to enforce. Trade at the two ports opened by the treaty now carried on as freely as if those ports had been formally opened. The friendly intercourse between the two nations.—Payment of American claims.
1.st Feb.y	21	18.th Nov.r	Condition and present administration of the Chinese Customhouses at Shanghai and Canton, placed before the Governor General. Gives a brief history of the Foreign Inspectorate System. Safe arrival of the Rev.d Mr. Holmes' Chinese Instructor at Shanghai.
"	22	19.th .	Time of carrying the treaty of Tientsin into operation. His interview with the Gov.r General on the subject.—Preliminaries in relation to the treaty arranged.—Mr. Ward's proclamation of the treaty.—His instructions to our Consuls at the five open ports in relation to the collection of tonnage dues, and to the opening of the two new ports of Chan-chan and Taiwan. His agreement to suspend the new commercial regulations and Tariff until after the English and French difficulties have been settled. His reasons for adopting that course explained in former communications. Hopes they are approved.

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20th Feb.	23	10th Dec.	Visit to the Palace of His Ex. Yan, the Governor Genl. of the Two Kwang, &c. Discussions with him in relation to the mode of collecting the Chinese customs. Their admin. istration at the port of Canton satisfactorily arranged. But an act of justice to say that he found the English Commis. sioner of Customs ready to accede to all demands which he could with justice or propriety make. The rules which had been issued amended so as to come strictly within the pro. visions of the treaty, &c. An American to be placed at the head of the Customhouse at Canton and at one of the other ports, which arrangement, &c. will give the Americans a fair proportion. His erroneous impressions against the English. Presentation to the Chinese Govt. of the set of standard weights and measures brought out by his pre. decessor for that purpose. Receipt of His's reply to his last letter, in relation to the Collection of the Customs. Has appointed Mr. Chas. W. Bradley, Jr. to be Vice Consul at the port of Tamtan. Not able to find an American willing to go to the other port of Taiwan in Formosa, for the fees of office. Fears it will be without a Consul un. til a salary has been fixed by Congress, &c. Orders for both ports to be opened on the 1st Jan. 1860, issued by the Chinese authorities. Increase of our naval forces on the China station.
1860			
7th April	24	23d Jan.	Extraordinary Expenses. - Sends a Schedule of the items of outlay on account of the visit of the U.S. Legation and Embassy to the Gulf of Pichili and Peking during the months of June, July and Aug. last of last year and the visit to Kiwanhien in November of that year, with remarks upon the subject of these accounts.

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4th. April	25	23. Jan'y.	Sends accounts for contingent expenses incurred by the Legation during the year 1859. Has drawn on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. for balance &c.
" "	1	24th. "	Coolie Trade.- Conduct of Captain Manton, of the American Ship "Messenger" and that of the Captains of the "Kitty Simpson," "Governor Morton" and "Pioneer."
" "	2	26th. "	Treaty of Tientsin now in full force and effect.- Receipt of an Imperial Rescript in relation to the opening of the two ports of Chaochau and Taiwan, the reduction of tonnage dues, &c.- Refers to despatches Nos. 8 & 9, of 1859, relative to the steps which have been taken respecting the collection of one-fifth of the dues paid to the Chinese Govt. on Am. commerce at Swatchau and Shanghai. Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at Macao to adjust the claims of Am. Citizens.- Adjudication of all the claims presented to it. Has been able to affirm and approve each report made jointly to him by the Commissioners, and has therefore given no opinion at length in any case except that of the Caldera in which two separate reports were made. Disposition made of duplicate copies of the certificates granted to the several claimants whose claims were allowed. Summary of receipts from the Chinese. Total amount of the awards to claimants. Amount distributed among them nearly 46 per cent on each award. Management of the collection of money on the debentures issued by the Collectors of Customs at the three ports. Income during the present year will be less. Proposes making another dividend at the expiration of six months. Hopes that in 12 or 18 months every Am. claim on the Chinese Govt. will have been paid in full. Claimants satisfied with the amount awarded. Will be a surplus of more than $200,000 after paying every just demand against the Chinese Govt. Submits to the Secretary's consideration the disposition which should be made of this surplus fund. Approval of his

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11th April 1860		27th Jan. 1860	Sends copy of "The China Mail" of the 12th Jan. 1860, containing an account of the Export of Tea to the U.S. from July to December last.
" "	W.W.	31. Decr. 1859	Has Drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers. & Co. for £258-5-3 for amt. of salary for quarter ending 31st. Decr. '59. Rate of Exchange. Has also drawn on the Dept. for loss by Exchange, &c. Letter sent to 5th Auditor 11th Apl.
28th "	4	24th Feb. 1860	Coolie Trade. How carried on &c. Case of the American ship "Messenger." - The "Flora Temple". Asks for leave of absence for six months from the time he may leave China. Mr. Wallace Ward's resignation of the office of Secy. of Legation. - Dr. Williams' return to the U.S. - Legation under a certain contingency to be placed under the control of Commodore Stribling. Receipt of despatches Nos. 9 and 10.
" "	3	22d. "	Want of prisons in China.
5th May	W.W.W.	18th "	Sundry in his resignation of the office of Secretary of the Legation of the U.S. in China. Acknowledgments.
25th "		30th March	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for £619-16-8 for salary for quarter ending 30th. March. - Rate of Exchange. Has drawn on the Dept. for loss by Exchange, &c. a certificate sent to 5th Auditor
" "	S.W.W.	31st "	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. for £258-5-3 for amount of salary due for the quarter to this date. Rate of Exchange. Has also drawn on the Dept. for loss by Exchange &c. Sent to 5th Auditor
" "	6	26th "	Receipt of despatch No. 11. - Expressing thanks to the President and the Secy. - Delay in forwarding exchange copy of the Treaty. Dr. Williams now on his way with it to the U.S. - Hopes that the treaty and the two Conventions will have been published in the U.S. before the receipt of this despatch. Publication of the

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1860		1860	(Hopes for the President's approval of that step) Treaty in China.; Claims convention not published by him in China. Convention now being carried out. Will be a surplus of more than 200,000$ at the disposal of the Govt. Foreign Customhouse System. Will be impossible to enforce the convention embodying the revised Tariff and new regulations of trade until the settlement of the difficulties between China on the one part and England and France on the other. Will remain in China until autumn or the end of the present year.
25th. May	5	20th. March	Mr. Dunn.- Allowance of his salary as U.S. Consul at Fahchau, after the 29th. of Feby. Appointment of H. Dwight Williams in his place. Sends copy of Mr. T's Commission.
30th. "	"	O.E. Roberts 16th. Feby.	Presenting the claims of three Chinese Stewards to the Consideration of the Department.
13th. June	7	14th. April	Has just returned from Swatow. The late disturbances at Hong Kong.- Mr. Bradley's complaint of the want of a Chinese official of sufficient rank to correspond with him and to preserve order among the Chinese. Has applied to the Chinese Govt. for the appointment of a proper officer to reside at Swatow. Appointment of Sié to assist Ho, the Imperial Commissioner, in the management of Foreign Affairs.- Answer of the Chinese Govt. to the ultimatum of the English and French. Determination of the Chinese to resist the four objectionable clauses in the English treaty viz: Right of permanent residence at Peking, right of foreigners to go to the interior of China, navigation of the Yang-tze, and the transit dues. Would yield the last three to obtain the abandonment of the first. War would seem to be inevitable.
21st. "	8	24th. "	Receipt of despatches to No. 13, inclusive. Again expresses his acknowledgments to the President and the Secy. for the kindness with which they have viewed his course in China.- Encloses Govr.

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			Genl. Cass's reply to his application for the appointment of a proper officer at Swatow to confer with our Consul at that port. Mr. Gouverneur, the newly appointed Consul for Foochow, has attained the duties of his office. - Consuls at different ports now constantly making applications for protection by the presence of a man of war. - Regrets that it is impossible for the Flag officer to comply with any of these requests &c. &c. More apprehension felt for Foochow than for any other port. It is his intention, in a short time, to leave in the "Hartford" for that place, but to make that vessel his home, that he may, at the earliest moment, be at such points in China as may most demand his presence. Thinks it also important that he should be with the Flag Officer of the Station. The prospect of a general war being declared by England and France against China, and a consequent blockade of all the ports.
28th. July	9	9th. May	Receipt of despatches Nos. 14 and 15. Will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on the 16th. May, and will endeavor to reach the Peiho as soon as possible.
20th. Augt.	12.	29th. "	Messrs. Wetmore Williams & Co.'s application for a permit from the Chinese Govt. to reexport 20,000 piculs of rice from Shanghai to another Chinese port.
" "	13	" "	Murder of Mr. Mc. Cann, one of the employees at the customhouse at Swatow. Wishes to know the extent to which American citizens accepting offices from the Chinese Govt. in its customhouses, are entitled to protection and any circumstance from their own Government

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			Swatow.—No British Consul at that port. One to be sent there immediately.
20.th Sept.r	14	30.th May	His appointment of Mr. Marques as Interpreter and Mr. George W. Heard, Jr. as Secretary of the Legation of the U. S. in China. Hopes that the President will confirm Mr. Heard's appointment. Sends two of Mr. Heard's signatures, and requests that instructions may be given to the Bankers of the U. S. in London to pay Mr. Heard's drafts for salary.
"	10	15.th "	Relative to Lord Palmerston's attack upon him in the House of Commons on the 15.th of March last, in which allusion is made to Mr. W.'s journey to Pekin.
"	11	29.th "	Relative to the receipts from the Canton Customhouse in Payment of the Claims of American citizens against the Chinese Government.
1.st Sept.r	15	29.th June	Arrival of Gen.l Ignatieff, the Rusian Plenipotentiary, at Shanghai—Sends correspondence with him about their respective instructions concerning the present complication in China. Learns from Gen.l I. that the Chinese will not yield to the demands of England and France without a desperate struggle. Their arms, however, of the most worthless description, &c., &c., so that they will be unable to resist with any success the advance of the Allies on Peking.—Peking itself on the eve of a revolution. General impression that the present dynasty is about to be overthrown. But one hope of satisfactorily adjusting the present difficulties which is that, after the fall of the Takoo Forts, the Chinese may come to terms. Is satisfied that an advance of the allied forces into the country must result most disastrously to all interests. Suicide of Hwashana, one of the negotiators of the Tientsin Treaty. Assigns reason therefor.—Mr. another of the Commissioners en-

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gaged in framing the tariff, degraded ordered to Peking, &c. Almost every city in the province now in the hands of the rebels. - Shanghai, which is only saved by the presence of a foreign force, now virtually in the possession of the allies, who will doubtless hold it. The Taontai and his proclamation reducing all duties on English and American goods one-half. - Return of three of our Missionaries from a visit to the Rebels at Soochow. - Rebels described as being desirous to cultivate relations of friendship with foreigners, &c., &c. Their communication to each of the Ministers declined to be received by Mr. Ward, &c. &c. &c. Send copy of letter from Genl. Ignatieff relative to Mr. W. having procured an exequatur for Mr. Albert F. Heard, an Am. citizen, as the Russian Consul at Shanghai, and of a letter from Mr. Bruce in relation to the instructions given by Flag Officer Stribling to Capt. Walback to afford protection to H.B.M.s subjects at Foochow. - & Mr. W.s intention to leave Shanghai for the Peiho river in the course of the next week, in company with the Russian Minister. Mr. W. has requested Commodore Stribling to accompany him. Is believed that hostilities will commence about the 15th. of July. His own impression about the matter. Again solicits the President for leave of absence for six months, and that the Commanding officer of the station may be instructed to send him to Suez, Mr. W.s health rendering it impossible for him to remain in China after the end of the present year.

16 | 7th. | Augt. | Left Shanghai on the 9th. ult. Baron Gros and Lord Elgin had previously left that place for the North.

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His and their arrival at the anchorage off the Peiho. Subsequent arrival of the Russian Minister at that place. Mr. Ward's letter to the Supreme Council of State at Peking, informing them of the position which Russia and America would occupy in the approaching conflict not sent. His despatch to the Governor Gen.l on the same subject. The allied fleets off the Peiho. The Governor Gen.l sends present of sheep, bullocks, &c., to Mr. Ward. His correspondence with His Excellency touching an amicable arrangement of the difficulties between the allies and China. Lord Elgin and Baron Gros in the neighborhood of Pehtang. Their opinion that the difficulties referred to can be settled only by force. Mr. Ward satisfied that the demands of the allies will never be granted by the Chinese until they have been conquered. His path of duty under the circumstances. Nothing seems to remain for him but to leave. Has notified to the Russian Minister his views and intentions, and will leave the Peiho for Cheefoo, where the Russian Minister may at any time communicate with him. The "Saginaw" to be sent to Shanghai. Pehtang taken possession of by the English and French forces, without opposition. Has been one battle, however, between the allied forces and the Chinese about which there are various reports, &c. Tartar Camp in sight from the deck of the Steamer whilst at Pehtang. Thought that all the allied forces would be landed by the 8th, when they would proceed by land to Takoo, and there attack the forts. Not believed that the forts will be taken before the 15th instant. Afterwards the allies will advance upon Tientsin, &c., &c. Trusts that his course in declining to be there may meet the approbation of the President and Gen.l Cass. Receipt of despatch No. 16. Thanks to the President for having acceded to his request for leave of absence for six months. Will not leave at a time when the public interests would be likely to suffer from his

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1860		1860	absence. Should he leave before the arrival of a new Secretary of Legation, Commodore Stribling will take charge of the books and archives of the Mission, and transact all necessary business.
8th. November	D. M. No. 3.	Nov.	Our claims Convention with China, of the 8th. of Novr., 1858. - Payment of the claims of American Citizens against the Chinese Government under that Convention. Suggests that the sum which will remain in the hands of the U. S. authorities in China after these claims shall have been paid, be used as a fund for establishing a School of a high rank there, where the natives of that Empire can be taught the Languages and Sciences of Western countries, under the Tuition of Competent men.
16th.	"	17 3d. Sept.	Advance of the Rebels on Shanghai. - Commodore Stribling requested to proceed to that place. The Russian Minister advised of the necessity of Mr. W.'s return to Shanghai. His arrival there on the 25th. ult. Retreat of the Rebels when fired upon by the allies. - Threats of the Rebels against foreigners at Shanghai. No part will be taken by the American forces except to protect the foreign settlement, if an attack should be made upon it. - Com. Stribling concurs in opinion with Mr. W. that, as between the Rebels and the Imperialists, the most rigid neutrality should be observed by us. The allies, however, resolved to defend Shanghai &c. All trade put an end to by the Rebels. - Capture of the Takoo Forts. - Lord Elgin and Baron Gros at Tientsin engaged in arranging the existing difficulties with China &c.

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10th Nov.	18	20th Sept.	Has received intelligence from the North that all matters in dispute between the allies and the Chinese Government had been adjusted, the Chinese having yielded to all the demands of the allied Ambassadors. Difficulty created at the signing of the Convention. Forts at the mouth of the Peiho river to be destroyed with the exception of one which is to be garrisoned by the allied forces. Tientsin to be made an open port, and the way to Pekin open to all who may desire to go there. - Shanghai quiet. No apprehension felt there on account of the Rebels. Large English and French force concentrated there. Trade at Shanghai greatly impeded by the Rebels. During the next week contemplates making a visit to the different open ports.
15th Decr.	19	29th "	Receipt of despatch No. 17. Nothing due to the estate of the Rev. William Aitchison on account of his services as Interpreter. His expenses during his sickness paid by Mr. Ward and an additional sum of money given by him to Dr. Williams to construct a tablet to Mr. A's memory.
"	20	"	Trial and acquittal of Frederick Jenkins an American citizen and Consular Interpreter, who was charged by the Chinese authorities with having furnished the Rebels with powder and guns.
"	21	"	Resignation of Dr. Charles W. Bradley of his office as Consul of the U.S. at the port of Ningpo, - and the appointment of Dr. George W. Fish to fill the vacancy until the pleasure of the President can be known.
"		30th "	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. his bill for £239-13-4 for salary for two quarters. Rate of Exchange. Has drawn on the Department his bill for $1139.17, which includes the loss by exchange.
"	22	4th Oct.	Has been detained in Shanghai by a report that an American vessel had been plundered and nine out of the ten men com-

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			posing the crew had been murdered by pirates near the mouth of the Yangtsze river. The "Saginaw" sent down to investigate the matter, & Lord Elgin reported to be advancing on Peking with his army - The Chinese resisting at every point. The Army within five miles of Peking on the 23^d. Septr. Mr. Harris Parkes and others taken prisoners by the Chinese. Generally believed that all matters will be satisfactorily arranged and the treaty exchanged within a few days.
15th. Decr.		4th. Oct^r.	Sends copy of a letter from Sir Michael Seymour on the subject of Lord Palmerston's remarks on the circumstances attending Mr. Ward's journey to Peking with observations in regard to the matter. Capture &c. of Messrs. Bowlby, Parkes, and others by the Chinese. Mr. Parkes. - The army within five miles of Peking &c. &c. Is said that all matters will be satisfactorily arranged in a few days. Every thing in Shanghai quiet - business very much at an end, and the merchants beginning to wish Lord Elgin and his army back to England. The Missionaries.
28th. "	23	28th. "	Receipt of Circular N°. 14, of 31st. of July, 1860. Recommends Canton, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai as the Ports in China at which Marshals should be appointed under the 25th. Section of the act of 22^d. June, 1860, to carry into effect &c.
" "	24	" "	Left Shanghai on the 5th. instant to visit the other ports in China. Gives an account of his visit to those Ports. - Every thing quiet at Foochow, and no apprehension of any difficulties whatever. Petition

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			of the Missionaries at that place to the Consul to obtain from the Governor Genl. a proclamation requiring citizens to rent their houses within the walls of the city. The petition referred to Mr. Ward for instructions. Mr. Ward's instructions to the Consul on the subject. - Trade increasing rapidly at Swatow. - Foreigner killed on Double Island. The murderer, upon the requisition of the American Consul, arrested by the Chinese authorities and publicly executed. - Difficulty between the English and the Chinese growing out of an attempted robbery of a Chinese harem of the Captain of an English opium vessel. Difficulty between some of the American merchants and the Foreign Customhouse at Canton all satisfactorily adjusted with the exception of one [case of the "Sea Serpent"] which is specified and to which the attention of the Department is called. At the latest dates from Peking, the allies in possession of all the gates of that city. Surrender of Peking. - Flight of the Emperor &c. &c. Mr. Bruce and his suite. - Death of Dr Norman. - Mr. Parkes' Treatment at the hands of the Chinese. Mr. Ward expects to leave China between the middle and last of December in the "Niagara". The "Niagara" at Hong Kong with the Japanese Ambassadors. Should the "Niagara" not be back by the time stated, Mr. W. will leave in one of the mail steamers. Requests that an order may be given by the Navy Department for one of the vessels of the Mediterranean Squadron to meet him at Alexandria between the middle and last of January, and to take him thence to such port as he may desire.
1861 Jan. 15th		1860 Nov. 10th	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. his bill for £23. 8. 9 for salary as Secy. of Legation for the quarter and a half ending 30th Sept. 1860. - Rate of Exchange. Has drawn on the Dept. for $155 23/100 which includes the loss by exchange.

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1861		1860	
15th January	25	14th Nov.	Convention between Lord Elgin and the Prince Kung signed on the 25th Oct. 1860. Provisions of the Convention. The reasons for believing that this Convention will not be observed by the Chinese after the withdrawal of the force by which it was extorted from them. The Emperor has neither returned to Pekin nor given his decree for the publication of the treaty. The French Army has fallen back upon Tientsin. The English Army destined for the same place. The force to be retained at Tientsin. Lord Elgin's entrance into Pekin &c.
28th.	26	28th.	Receipt of despatches 18, 19, and 20. His acknowledgments to the President for the appointment of Mr. Heard as Secy. of Legation. The appointment however will not be considered by Mr. Ward as revoking his instructions to place the archives of the Legation in the hands of Com. Stribling, upon Mr. W.'s departure from China. To avoid all question on the subject, Mr. Heard will resign his office at that time - Commodore Stribling - Every thing arranged for Mr. W.'s departure from China, and he waiting only the return of the "Niagara" now more than due at Hong Kong. The English treaty published, but the Emperor has not returned to Pekin. - English and French Ministers, with the Army at Tientsin. - Lord Elgin and Baron Gros expected at Hong Kong, on their way to Europe. Mr. Bruce and Mr. Bourboulon to remain at Tientsin. Two thousand of the allied forces to be kept in China to maintain the peace secured by Lord Elgin and Baron Gros. The Russian Minister in Pekin. It believed that after the departure of the Emperor from Pekin it was Lord Elgin's wish to create

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1861		1860	
			the Tartar Dynasty and to place a Chinaman upon the Throne. He was opposed in this view by the French and Russian Ministers, and the idea was abandoned. Every thing in China still in a most unsettled state.
8th. Jany.	27	29th. Nov.	Relative to the conduct of Mr. S. L. Gouverneur, Jr., the U.S. Consul at Foochow, in requiring American Merchants at that place to register their house boats, and forbidding them, without such register, to use the American Flag.
1st. Feby.	28	8th. Decr.	Encloses copy of correspondence between himself and Mr. S.L. Gouverneur, Jr. the U.S. Consul at Foochow, and invites the attention of the Department to it, in connection with his despatch No. 27.
"	30	14th. "	Encloses schedule of the items of the outlay on account of Extraordinary Expenses arising from the performance of duties assigned him by the Department. His drafts for these Extraordinary Expenses
+ "	29	" "	Enclosing Mr. George W. Heard, Jr.'s resignation of the office of Secretary of the Legation of the U.S. in China, to take effect on the 1st of Jany. 1861. - Mr. Heard.
Y		10th. "	G. W. Heard, Jr. Tendering his resignation of the office of Secy. of the Legation of the U.S. in China, to take effect from the 1st of Jany. 1861. His acknowledgments to the President.
"	31	14th "	Sends his account for contingent expenses incurred by the Legation for the year 1860, including expenses for postage paid in London by the despatch Agent for the four quarters ending Sept. 30, 1860. For balance of the account for payments made in China, has drawn on Baring, Brothers, & Co.
"	32	"	Sends Proclamation of the Earl of Elgin announcing the Convention for the reëstablishment of peace between Great Britain and China. - Availing himself of his leave of absence, will leave China in the "Niagara" for Aden on his way to Europe, on the 15th. instant. - Books and archives of the Mission have been placed in the charge of Commodore Stribling, who will transact all necessary business

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1861		1860.	
4th March		31st Decr.	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. his bill for £619-16-8 for salary for quarter ending this day. Rate of exchange. Has drawn on the Department his bill for $413.44/100 which includes the loss by exchange.
" "	G.N.H.R.	" "	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. his bill for £154-19-2 for salary for quarter ending this day. Rate of Exchange. Has drawn on the Departmet his bill for $103.48, which includes the loss by exchange.
9th "	1	25th "	From Com. Stribling - Encloses copy of a letter from Consul Governeur to Mr. Ward. The subject of that letter disposed of by Mr. Ward &c. Trusts that some person will speedily be sent to relieve him from the duties imposed upon him in the absence of the Minister. Upon his being released from the command of the Squadron, if not sooner, he trusts that some one may be authorized to receive the archives of the Legation &c.
		1861	
6th April	3	30th Jan'y	From Com. Stribling - Enclosing a return of the suits in the Consular Court at Shanghai, from July 1 to Decr. 31, 1860.
16th "	4	6th Feb'y	From Com. Stribling - Loss by the Chinese of the original copies of the Treaty of Tientsin and Commercial Treaty of Shanghai. - Collections from the Chinese Govt. and disbursements on account of Loses sustained by citizens of the U. S. - Disposition of the surplus.
" "	5	8th "	From Com. S. - Encloses Lord Elgin's notification to British subjects of the 20th of Jan'y. last concerning an arrangement for the opening to British trade two ports on the Yangtsze river above Chin Kiang. Calls attention to the

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1861		1861	opening of the Yangtsze. Thinks it highly important that Consuls should at once be appointed to the ports thus opened or about to be opened. Is understood that the Expedition to open the Yangtsze, under Admiral Sir James Hope will leave Shanghai before the end of the month. If Com. C.'s relief does not arrive before the middle of July, thinks it probable that he shall attempt to ascend the Yangtsze as far as Hang Kow, the great central emporium of China. Apprehends that until the rebels are expelled from the banks of the river, or an arrangement is made with them, vessels navigating the river will frequently be subjected to robbery or capture. Is understood that the insurgents are in possession of nearly all the country on the left bank of the river between Shanghai and Hang Kow. An immediate answer to this letter might put him in possession of the views of the Department in relation to his going up the river, before leaving Shanghai.
6th June		13th March	C. K. Stribling.- Receipt of Department's letter of the 19th Decr. '60, to Mr. Ward.- Encloses copy of two letters addressed by him to Consul Gouverneur, relative to passports and to the benefits to which our citizens are entitled under the recent treaties of England and France with China. Mr. Hyatt's intended resignation of his office of Consul at Amoy. Has appointed T. Hart Hyatt, Jr. to act as Consul at Amoy until &c. Consul Breck's orders to include Ningpoo in his Consular jurisdiction, and his intention of proceeding to Ningpoo and appointing a vice Consul at Swatow. Suggests that it would be more convenient to attach Swatow to the Canton Consulate or Ningpoo to the Shanghai Consulate than the present arrangement.
"	7	26th "	From. Com. Stribling.- Insurrection of Coolie passengers on board of the American ship "Leonidas". Thanks to British and French officers for services rendered by them on the occasion.

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1861 6th June	8	1861 27th March	Encloses "Provisional regulations for British trade in the Yang-tsze River. Refers to his No. 5. Importance of the trade in the Yangtsze river. His instructions to Consul Smith on the subject, enclosed. His intention to go up the river in order to come to an understanding with the Insurgent Chiefs, &c. Payment of import duties upon goods taken up the river.
4th July	9	22d. Apl.	Communicating his decision in the case of difference between Dr. Fish and Consul Breck regarding the Ningpoo Consulate, and expressing his views upon the subject of the Connection of the Minister to China with the Consuls resident at the different ports.
16th Augt.	10	28th. May	Reporting the result of his visit up the Yangtsze River.
" "	11	31st "	Has appointed C. D. Williams, Esq.r acting Consul at Hankow until the pleasure of the President is known. The British Govt. has Consuls at Kiu-Kiang and Chin-Kiang, but the prospect of trade at both places is bad. Does not think it important for us to have a consul at any place on the river at present except Hankow. Tientsin now open to trade, &c. Will appoint a Consul for that place as soon as he can find a proper person for the office.—Chefoo.—Nieu Chong.—Encloses list of all the ports now open to trade in China and where by treaty stipulations Consuls are to reside. Consular duties in China and Japan. Salaried Consulates in addition to the five ports now having salaried Consuls, suggested. Plunder of Messrs. Bradley & Co. at Swatow, referred to in the accompanying correspondence

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1861		1861	
9th Sept.	12	8th July	Encloses copy of a statement of collections from the Chinese Govt. and disbursements to July 2, 1861 and a copy of the letter from Messrs. Olyphant & Co., which accompanied it.
4th Oct.	13	16th "	Encloses return of suits at the U.S. Consular Court, Shanghai, from the 1st of Jan. to the 30th June, 1861, inclusive, the only one that has been received from any of the Consulates.
"	14	"	Shall deliver the archives of the Legation to the Receivers of the Chinese Indemnity, Messrs. Olyphant & Co. of Hong Kong. Encloses copy of a despatch from the Governor General of the two Kwangs &c., with his reply relative to Consuls for the ports recently opened to trade.
	2	30th Jan.	Encloses copy of letter from Mr. Hyatt U.S. Consul at Amoy, with a statement of suits brought and tried during the year 1860 and a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the U.S. Consular Court for the same period.
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1861		1861	
6th. July	2	6th. July	Receipt of letter of the 17th. June, 1861, advising him of his appointment as E.E.t M.P. to China. Accepts the appointment. Will await his instructions at Paris. Upon their receipt will proceed at once to his post.
7th. Sept.r	1	10th. Sept.r	Receipt of his commission and instructions. Visit to London. Secured his passage to Hong Kong by the steamer which left Southampton on the 4th. Sept.r Met it at Marseilles and shall leave in the morning. Will reach Hong Kong in about fifty day, and Pekin, about four weeks later. Did not draw on the Barings for his salary on his Austrian letter of credit, after the last of June. Shall draw for the next quarter's salary on the Chinese letter of Credit &c. The manner in which he occupied his time while waiting for his instructions. Valuable aid in China affairs received by him from H. M. Beckwith, Esq.re and Russell Sturgis, Esq.re Removal and selection of Consuls in China. William Breck Esq.re U.S. Consul at Swatow. Proceeds to his post with diffidence, &c.
25th. Decr.	S.M.W.	14th. Oct.r	His arrival in China on the 1st. Oct.r Has taken charge of the archives and other property of the Legation, &c.— Death of the Emperor of China.— Foreign Legations at Pekin.— Evacuating Canton.— The city quiet. Indemnity to be paid to the allies.
1st.	" 2	1st. Nov.r	Arrived at Hong Kong on the 24th. Oct.r— Archives of the Legation in the Keeping of Dr. S. Wells Williams at Macao.— Immediately communicated with him. Addressed notes to the representatives of England, France, Russia, &c., informing them of his arrival, and that he had entered upon the duties of his office. Too late to visit Pekin on account of the cold weather. The business of the Legation does not require such visit at

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1862		1864	present. The Govt. of China most easily communicated with from the sea coast, and there are questions which require his presence in the sea ports now. Shall go to Canton to-day for the purpose of having an interview with the Chinese authorities. As at present advised, shall establish the Legation at Shanghai. Will visit Peking as soon as he can. Calls attention to the fact that Messrs. McLane, Parker, Reed, and Ward, each had a letter of credit for extraordinary expenses, on the Barings for $10,000. If the Legation shall go to Peking to reside a season, or on a visit, it will require more money than the Legation has as salary. The allies evacuated Canton on the 21st. Oct.r and all remains quiet in that city. The Revd. H. M. Parker, and the Revd. J. L. Holmes American Missionaries, killed by order of the Rebel Chief. Some apprehension that the Rebels may try to capture Shanghai. - The "Saginaw" the only war vessel we have in the Chinese seas. The report that privateers were fitting out in Shanghai had no foundation in fact, but there is a feverish apprehension, and our commerce is suffering. Fears for the safety of the "Athamena". Brutal murder at Pokla. - Reward of $50 offered by the Chinese for the head of any foreigner.
25th. January	3	14th. Nov.r	His visit to Canton and interview there with Laou, the Govr. General of the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Population of those Provinces. - Time of the young Emperor's entrance upon his official duties. Prince Kung to remain Minister of Foreign Affairs. - Govr. Laou's visit to Mr. Burlingame.

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1862		1861	Conduct of Mr. M. C. Morrison the British Consul at Tang-Chow-foo Yentai and of Mr. Lagarde Surgeon of the French Navy, touching a post mortem examination of the bodies of the Rev.d Mr. Holmes and the Rev.d Mr. Parker, U.S. Missionaries, who were murdered by the rebels. - Smuggling of teas into the U. S. through Canada. Arrival of our Consuls Messrs. Carpenter and Marquam. Transfer of the Legation from Macao to Shanghai.
4th. Feb.y	4	30th. Nov.r	Oath of allegiance taken by himself and others in China. Political changes in China. - Gun Boats for the Chinese Rebels. Is now on his way to Shanghai where he intends to set up the Legation.
6th "	5	14th. Decr.	Receipt of despatch No. 2. - Sends oaths of the Consul and Interpreter at Canton and the oath of the U.S. Consular Agent at Whampoa. The U.S. Steamer "Saginaw" Condemned &c. Hopes the Government will supply her place. The Rebels menacing Ningpo. Is going to Shanghai to-morrow.
5th. March	6	24th. "	His arrival at Shanghai. - Capture and occupation of the City of Ningpo by the rebels. Sends copy of despatches from our Consul ~~the~~ on the subject. Proceedings adopted by him in concert with the British and French representatives there on that occasion. Remarks on the subject. The English and French covering every point of danger with their soldiers and war vessels while we have neither soldier nor sailor in that region. Will probably go to Ningpo. - Sends
		1862	Copy of letters from the English and Russian Ministers.
21st "		S.W.N. 6th. Jan.y	Has drawn on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co.y for £258-5-3 for the amount of salary due for the quarter ending 31st. Dec.r 1861. Rate of Exchange. Has also drawn on the Department for Loss by Exchange, &c. Letter & postmasters sent to S. [illegible] 21. March

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1862		1862		
27th March	8	23. Jan.y	His visit to Ningpo. The insurrection in China. Transfer of Mr. Breck from Swatow to Kiukiang. Has appointed Mr. Breck Acting Consul. Will fill the vacancy caused by the transfer.	
12 "	7	9th Jany.	Return of Vice Admiral Hope to Shanghai: Result of his expedition. Its objects: Rebel refusal of his demands. Gains and losses of the Rebels (Chinese): Admiral's offer of assistance: Mr. B. will visit Ningpo with him: Exposure of Americans there: Accounts: One enclosure.	11th
19th April	9	7th Feb	Rect of letter of Oct 9 1861. Will shield American interests in China as well as he can. Sends copy of the Commissions of Messrs. Breck and Knight as Acting Consuls at Kiu Kiang and New Chang respectively; also copy of a despatch from Mr. Breck, and of one from Mr. Smith: Chinese Rebels still menacing.	12th
19th "	10	7th Feb	Condemnation as prize, of the Bremen brig "Greta" at Hong Kong in 1855. Sends copy of the Decision of the Court published in Supplement to the Overland China Mail	31st
13th May	11	7th Mar	Desire of Chinese Govt to purchase the "Saginaw". Mr. H. G. Wards Mission to purchase gun-boats and arms for Chinese Govt. His brother is a General in Chinese service. Consul George F Seward's arrival:- reforms contemplated by him. Endorses enclosed application of Wm Breck for appointment as U.S. Consul at Han-kow.	31st
28th "	12	22nd "	All the claims of U.S. citizens against China passed by the Commission paid up. Disposition of balance of fund. The Rebellion in China: Six battles near Shanghai: British & French participate. Imperialists to attack Ningpo. Notice to Americans on:	28th

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1862		1862	
			At the ports of Tang-chau and Neu-chwang the export of beans and bean cakes permitted. Franklin B. Forbes appt^d Acting Consul at Tientsin.
		31st Mar	Encloses accounts for 1st quarter of 1862
11th June	13	5th Apr	Engagement near Shanghai. Treatment of Small Port Proposes to visit Hangkow, and Peking: Consular appointments at Hang kow and Kiu Kiang.
12th July.	14	3d May	Rect of Ins No 6: Inspectors of Customs: Sends Decree of Regulations for Harbor Master at Shanghai. Mode of appointing Harbor Master &c. At Mr G. W. Seward's request has appointed Frederick W. Pinder, Marshal. Sends communications from Consul Brick as to where jails and Marshals should be placed: Recommend his appointment at Kiu Kiang: Visited Hankow & had an interview with the Vice Roy of the Province. Commerce of the Yang tze Kiang. Going to Peking: The Chinese Rebellion. capture of Kakading.
31 July	16	19 May	Claims of U.S. Citizens paid: Disposal of the balance of funds in establishing an institution of learning in China for the benefit of Americans and Chinese in which the language and literature of each could be taught to pupils selected from each nation suggested. Reasons for it &c, &c.
31st "	17	18 "	Rect of Ins No 7. Has no power to appoint Inspectors of Customs. It is vested in the Superintendent of Foreign Trade. W. W. Ward a Secessionist, Mr Geo F Seward's influence in getting American appointments in Harbor Master's Staff and Customs. English and French Military operations. Admiral Protet's death. Leaves for Peking 19th May.
28th Aug	19	18th Dec^r	Transmits returns of Trade of the Yang Tze river.

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Rhen'rcd 1862	No	Date 1862	Subject
12 Sept	21	1 July	To Peking by the American Steamer Contest – The kindness of Sir James Hope – Inclosing a copy of a letter from Francis P. Knight Esquire & "relative to the "Knife men"
11 Nov	22	24 "	Arrival at Peking – Interview at Tien Tsin with Tsung Hoo Commissioner of Trade – Discription of his progress to Peking – Correspondence with Sir & Instruct Bruce. Sir James Hope. and Prince Kung. copies inclosed. Relative to interest which actuates all of the & western nations to cooperate in China Announcing to Bruce Kung his arrival and requesting an opportunity to present his letter from the President & List of the members of the Legation –

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Rec'd 1862	No	Date 1862	Subject
5 Dec	24	23d Aug	Enclosing copies of a correspondence with Prince Kung upon the subject of an interview to present his credentials – The Presents – Mr Burlingames speech vc. vc. Commission of Wm E Lindau as Acting Marshal at Whampoa – Treaty between China and Portugal extracts inclosed –
1863			
27 Feby	25	16 Sep	Legation at Peking. Dr Williams letter showing the importance of an establishment of the Legation at Peking – The growth of American interests in China – Inefficiency of the force attached to the Legation – List of the British Diplomatic Corps and the Consular Corps in China – their salaries –
4 "	26	25 Oct	The appointment of merchants as Consuls – Correspondence with Prince Kung copy inclosed – Selling of arms to the insurgents. Correspondence with Prince Kung Sir Frederick Bruce's policy – Wensiang the great man in the Government –
4 "	27	27 Oct	Death General Ward. his position in the Chinese service his antecedents vc. Emperors letter – The appointment of Colonel Burgevine as his successor –
4 "	28	27 Oct	The adoption of an National flag by the Chinese Nation –
27	–	7 Nov	Draws on Barings for salary due Septr 30 has drawn on Department favor of Russell & Co for loss by exchange £24.79 – Vouchers inclosed

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1863		1862		
28 Feby	—	9 Dec	From Mr S Wells Williams — Relative to the additional postage exacted in the United States to that which has already been paid Inclosing copy of the correspondence with the Post master General at Hong Kong	2
1 March	29	12 Dec	Inclosing rules for the Trade upon the Saugtsze River — Policy to be observed — Letters from Prince Kung inclosed —	
1 March	30	10 Dec	Relative to the case of Capt Craig — of the Agnes who infringed the regulations governing the unloading of vessels — Correspondence inclosed	
1 "	31	12 Dec	Merchant Consul question — Inclosing copy of the correspondence Copy of a letter to Commander D McD Dongall upon his arrival	
29 "	32	1863 12 Jany	Captain Craig of the barque "Agnes" note to Prince Kung upon the subject —	2
29 July	33	29 "	Chinese New Year — Letter to the President	2
19 June	—	1863 14 Apl	Relative to Mr Williams draft for $242 8s 2d sterling for balance of salary for quarter ending March 31st 1863	2

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Whn rcd 1863	No	Date 1863	Subject
22 Aug	34	5 Feby	Surgeon Lennies view upon the nature and treatment disease also the Report of the Hospital at Peking re "Small Pox"
21 "	35	12 Apl	Inclosing a copy of a note from Prince Kung relative to the modification of the 21st article of the Treaty — Duties to be paid upon re exported goods in the port into which they are finally imported —
21 "	36	18 "	Relative to the attempt of Mr Edan to secure a concession of a portion of the city of Ningpo to the French Government Inclosing copy of correspondence in relation to the matter —
21.	37	15 May	Communication from Edward Cunningham Esquire relative to the Government of Shanghai - The views of the British & French Minister —
22.	38	16 "	Colonel Caasloff's arrival in Peking - Mr Burlingames reply to Prince Kungs note —
21.	39	18 "	Recommending that Mr Geo F Seward be appointed Consul General.
26.		22 "	From Mr S Wells Williams - Relative to the alleged improper exaction of additional postage by U S Postal authorities to that already paid

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Rec'd 1863	No	Date	Subject	
2 Sept	40	30 May	The rescue of the crew of the "Lucky Star" The conduct of Mr Braine Acting Consul at Formosa, of Mr Carpenter of Consulat Tcochow and the Baron de Mentens — copy of these communications inclosed.	
2 Sept	41	11 June	Steamers purchased in England for the Osborn flotilla —	
9 Sept	42	20 June	Policy towards China The 5 practical questions which have arisen since his arrival in China — The territorial integrity of China to be preserved — Cooperation of the Legations — Conversation with Sir Frederick Bruce — Concerning the Chinese Customs Service English officer in the Chinese service — Co-operative policy — Sir Jas Bruces note indorsed — Russian Minister — French Minister — former policy of France — Case of the death of the French priest — Rebels in China The Osbourne fleet — The Government of China Anti Foreign party in the country —	
—		21 June	His Policy in China. Mr Bethany on the relations between Great Britain and the U S Treatment of General Bergevine	

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9 Sept	43	20 June	Inclosing a copy of the correspondence with the Russian Minister Col Bulligeck on the eve of his departure for St Petersburg
23 "	44	23 "	The case of General Burgevine and copies of the correspondence with the Chinese Government attached Employment of foreigners in the Chinese service
23 "	45	25 "	A new gate to be opened in the walls of China the city of Shanghai Letter to Mr Cunningham copy inclosed
23.	46	26 "	Extension of time in which to re-Export native produce granted copies of the correspondence attached
23.	47	2 July	To locate Prussian Minister at Peking - copy of correspondence with Prince Wittgenstein -
8 Oct	48	10 "	Colonel Raasloffs Treaty with China -
19 Dec	49	1 Sep	Expenses of the Legation for 1862
19.	50	9 "	Consulate at Shanghai - Correspondence attached
20.	51	3 Oct	The Caldera claim - Correspondence attached -
1864 12 Feby	52	30 Oct	Adoption by the Chinese Government of Wheatons International Law

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Whenreed	No	Date	Subject
1864 12 Feby	53	1863 4 Nov	Employment by the Chinese Government of Mr Pumpelly of Origo NY to explore the country near Peking for the discovery and development of coal mines
"	54	5 "	Modification of the American Treaty — Correspondence on the subject with the Chinese Government Art X IV
"	55	6 "	Wrecks of American vessels on the Chinese coast claims to indemnity — Charles Nelson — Grant & Leader Copy of the correspondence
"	56	7 "	"Osborn Flotilla" Settlement of the question Correspondence in the matter
	—	9 "	Relative to dispatch no 56 the Osborn flotilla the course of Sir Frederick H. A. Bruce &c &c
6 Feby	—	14 "	Osborn Flotilla, Sir Frederick H A Bruce. The force policy in China and that of reason
12 "	57	18 "	Expenditure of the surplus fund in China — The establishment of an American College in China The competitive system in England in schools &plan &c &c

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Received 1864	No	Date 1863	Subject
13 Feby	51	28 Nov	Osborn flotilla affair Mr Lay — controversy on the subject Thanks of Prince Kung —
18 Mar	59	26 Nov	The reception of the news of the victories at Gettysburgh Vicksburgh and Port Hudson. a subject of congratulation note to Sir Frederick on the flotilla question thanking him &c,
25 Mar	60	19 Dec	Thomas Walsh owner of the "Scotland" and the circumstances attending its detention The amicable settlement of the whole affair Correspondence attached —
—	23 "		Scotland case — Execution of a man in Shanghai — The arrival of the Russian Minister —
		1864	
19 Apl	61	4 Jany	Report of Raphael Pumpelly on the coal districts of the Tehan in the province of Chilli China —
19 Apl	62	5 "	The rights of Sweden secured from the Chinese Government
25 Mch	63	12 "	Correspondence relative to the appointment of Geo J. Sirrard Esquire as Consul General at Shanghai
2 June	64	10 Mar	Acting No 46 40 &c Letter of Mr Walsh relative to the case of the Scotland —

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Rec'd	No.	Date	Subject	
	65	17 Mch 1864	Refusal of the Chinese Government to allow Rebel cruisers to enter its waters Correspondence on the subject	
9 June	66	17 "	Confidential — Reasons for applying to the Chinese to disallow the entry of insurgent cruisers into their waters Alabama Proclamation and preparations for the coming of the pirate	
10 June	67	29 "	Letter to Chinese Govt thanking them for its action against the Confederate cruiser	
29 June	68	9 Apl	Performance of Willie P Mangums duties by the Rev H T Morrison during the former gentlemans absence through sickness	1
17 Aug	69	21 May	Relative to the jurisdiction claimed by Great Britain over leased ground at the Ports Correspondence attached	1
20 Aug	70	21 May	Copy of a letter from Mr Portes thanking him for the assistance he rendered in adjusting the affairs of Sweden and Norway with the Chinese Government	1
28 "	71	22 "	Acking receipt of circulars 43 and 46 Suggestions concerning the control of Consulates Mr Mangums and Mr Carpenters resignation Correspondence appended	1

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Where from	No	Date	Subject
1861		1861	
8 Oct	72	25 May	Case of Mr Brick U S Consul at Canton
5 Sep	73	26 "	Inclosing copies of the correspondence relative to the practice of smuggling and the arrests therefor on the Yangtze. The manner in which negotiations are carried on Mixed commission proposed
5.	74	26 "	Relative to the steamer "Scotland"
5.	75	30 "	Inclosing copy of correspondence in relation to the notification of Consuls — Circular to Consuls Arrival of Joseph C A Wingate Consul at Swatow note from Prince Kung appointing Mr MacKay to Nan-Chwang
19.	76	1 June	"Concha Maria" case - David Williams who committed suicide before the execution of his sentence
13.	77	2 "	James White to be executed - His escape - Suggestions concerning the force employed in China
13.	78	3 "	Trial and execution of John D Buckley at Shanghai papers C relating to the trial -
13.	79 80	3 "	The question of jurisdiction at Shanghai — disposition of foreigners to encroach on the rights of the Chinese

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Dispatches received 1864	No	Date 1864	Subject
13 Sept	81	4 June	General Burgevine's conduct — his desertion to the rebels, return and subsequent departure from the country. Correspondence on the subject attached.
13 Sept	82	6 "	The consent of the Chinese Government to the establishment of a tribunal or mixed commission for the settlement of confiscation cases
13 Sept	83	18 "	Rights and duties of American citizens under the Treaty and the regulations made in pursuance thereof to Mr Seward ~~expiration~~ and other Consuls
16 Oct	84	18 "	Correspondence with the Chinese Govt relative to the practice of throwing ballast into the harbor
16 Oct	85	20 "	Relative to the visit of Baron de Rehfues Envoy Extraordinary &c &c from Prussia neglect of a ceremonial call and trouble in regard to the seizure of Danish vessels in the Gulf of Pechili — satisfactory conclusion of the visit. Correspondence in regard to the questions which were discussed during his sojourn attached.

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Whence 1864	No	Date 1864	Subject
16 Oct	86	24 June	Wm Berthemy's plan for putting down piracy in the interior waters of China Correspondence attached
16 Oct	87	25 June	Copy of Prince Kungs note in relation to a joint tribunal to sit in confiscation cases
11 Oct	—	5 July	In regard to the appointment of Americans Young men to enter the Chinese Customs service, as related in dispatch No 88—
11 "	88	5 "	Young men for the Chinese Customs service Mr Harts letter upon the subject
16 "	89	7 "	Transmitting the account for the Legation for the year 1863
17 Nov	90	15 Aug	Fall of the rebel capital "Nankin" Its effect on the future policy of the Chinese towards the United States.
20 Dec.	91	10 Sep	Requesting a leave of absence from his post. and the appointment of Dr Williams Charge d'Affaires ad interim
—		11 Sep	Asking leave — Sir Frederick W. A. Bruce. — Treatment of Insurgent Cruisers — Mr Salter as Consul at Nankin —

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When rec'd	No	Date	Subject
		1864	
20 Dec	92	17 Sep	Announcing his decision in the Brent case
20 "	93	21 "	Inclosing copy of the reports in the case of William Brent, Consul at Kanagawa
		1865	
14 Feby	94	9 Nov	Inclosing two decrees & Regulations for the Consular Courts of the US States in China
enclosures with No 96			
10 Mar	95	10 Nov	The letter of Mr Walsh containing statistics of the China trade with California — The establishment of a line of steamers —
10 Mar	96	10 "	Inclosing two decrees Regulations for the Consular Courts of the US States in China
14 Feby	97	11 "	Instructions Nos 45 and 49 never received
Edward Paisted	—	14 "	Relative to his appointment in the Chinese Customs service
Frank E Woodruff	—	22 "	Relative to his appointment in the Customs service
do	—	1 Dec	Relative to his appointment in the Customs service

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Rec'd 1865	No	Date 1864	Subject
4 Mar	98	12 Dec	Merchant Consuls in China. the importance of Hankow as a Consular post.
		1865	
J E Woodruff	—	16 Jany	Relative to his appointment in the Customs service
31 May	99	4 Mar	The visit of Señor Sinabaldo de Mas an Envoy from the Spanish Govt to conclude a treaty with China — his success - Correspondence on the subject attached
31 "	100	7 Mar	Correspondence relating to foreign residence at Tangchau - residence of Mr Mills at that place -
31 "	101	10 "	Correspondence relating to the claims of the House of Russell & for $20,000 Taels and Int against the Chinese Government
31 "	102	11 "	Correspondence in relation to the prohibitions that exist in China against entering forbidden places
31 "	103	11 Mar	Imperial decree made in response to complaints made by Mr Wade for the English and Prussians on account of the death of one Englishman and three Prussians caused by the failure of the Chinese local officials to fulfill their Treaty Obligations

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Whenrecd 1865	No	date 1865	Subject
9 August	104	8 April	Transmitting a copy of Wheaton's International Law in Chinese
12 "	105	22 "	Transmitting an Imperial Edict by which Prince Kung was restored from the Foreign Office No apprehensions entertained in regard to the stability of the policy of the Govt of China, Unofficial information says that the decree has been revoked
	106		
12 "	107	25.	Statement of the circumstances attending the publication of Wheatons International Law by the Chinese Govt
12 "	108	4 May	Consular clerks nominated viz Mr Burge Rawle Lewis & O. B. Bradford, to serve in Consulate Gent at Shanghae. Report of their examination enclosed.

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When read 1865	No	Date 1865	Subject
12 Aug	109	4 May	Inclosing a statement by Dr Williams of the circumstances attending the temporary removal of Prince Kung from the Foreign Office. Charges against him, effects of his conduct. Investigation by a Committee and subsequent reinstatement of the Prince deprived of the exercise of a few privileges.
12 Aug	110	6 May	Transmitting his salary account from the 30th of September 1861 to the 6th of May 1865 - explanation &c.
12 "	112	7 "	Transmitting a statement prepared by Dr Williams of the interviews which took place on the departure of Mr Burlingame for the United States with Prince Kung and suite of the Foreign Office Chinese officials desirous to relieve themselves from the imputation of disrespect to Foreign Legations growing out of a pressure brought to bear against that Government for closing one or two places against the Legations.
28 June	1	20 "	Stating that in accordance with Mr Burlingames wishes he has taken charge of the Legation of the United States in China - The circumstances attending the restoration of Prince Kung to a seat in the General Council. The Imperial Edict to that effect. - character of the General Council. Insurgents in the southern Provinces of China

S Wells Williams
Charge d'Affairs

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When recd	No	Date	Subject.
1865			
28th August	22	21st Aug	Stating that he had seen Alexander H. Stephens at Fort Warren Conversed with him, favorable impression. Mr Stephens willingness to uphold the policy of the administration if he be allowed to return to Georgia &c &c He complains of the damp cell in which he is confined

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When Rec.d 1865.~	No.~	Date 1865.~	Subject.~
23 Sept.r	2.	19 June.	Claim of Mr. W. H. Robinet, a Peruvian citizen, on the Chinese Govt. on account of damages at Canton in 1856-7, will not be entertained by the Chinese authorities.~
12 Oct.	3.	26. "	Case of Burgevine ~ His proceedings up to the time of his arrest ~ Difficulties in the settlement of his case ~
" "	113.	10 July.	Transmitting his quarterly accounts.~
" "	4.	11. "	Assassination of President Lincoln ~ News communicated to the Chinese Govt.~
16 Nov.	5.	31. "	Insurrection in China.~
14 Dec.r	6.	5. Sept.r	Case of Burgevine ~ Further action in the matter ~ His death by drowning ~
" "	7.	16. "	Battles, an American seaman, killed by a Frenchman named Pepin.~
20. "	8.	5. Oct.	Extension of privilege to trading vessels on the coast of China in regard to tonnage dues.~
" "	9.	6. "	Insurrection in the province of Chihli ~ Reduction of the Imperial forces ~ The telegraph in China ~

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When rec'd	No.	Date	Subject.
1865.		1865.	
20th Dec'r	10.	14. Oct.	Arrival of Messrs E. C. Saintoux & F. E. Woodruff who intend to enter the Chinese customs servic
1866.			
21st. Jan'y.	11.	23. "	Loan from Russell & Co., at Canton, to the Chinese authorities in 1854. Mode of payment. —
21st. Febr'y.	12.	21st. "	U.S. Consulates in China — Their requirements Report of the Consul General at Shanghai.
" "	13.	4. Mch.	Destitution of two foreigners in Fuh Kien their kind treatment by the authorities. —
25. Jan'y.	14.	6. "	Propagation of Christianity in the Chinese Empire. Imperial Edict in regard to it — Persecution of Christians in the Province of Sz chuen —
21st Jan'y	15.	11. "	Treaty signed between China and Belgium. —
23. Febr'y.	16.	23. "	Translation of Wheaton's International law — Its reception in Japan & China. — Restoration of Sen ki to public office who was degraded in former times for the interest he took in affairs of Western nations. His eulogy on Washington. —
From Anson Burlingame			
1. Dec'r.	114.	24th. "	Requirements of the U.S. Consulates in China. —
1 "	115.	" "	The "Osborne Flotilla" — Communication from the Foreign Office of China — Interview with Sir Frederick Bruce in regard to it. —

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From Peck	No.	Date.	Subject.
1865.		1865.	
	116.	1. Dec.r	Pirates in the Chinese waters — article in a Boston newspaper. —
From Stelle Williams —			Chargé d'affaires — China. —
1866.			
2 Mch.	17.	12. "	Case of the American Steamer "Huquang" which sunk a small junk near Hankin. —
8. "	18.	22. "	Mr. Robinet's claim — Correspondence with the Peruvian Consul General. —
20. "	19.	26. "	Expressions of amity on the part of Prince Kung towards the U.S. on the occasion of the departure of Mr. Burlingame. —
		1866.	
" "	20.	6. Jany.	Foreign settlement at Shanghae — Revision of their Code of Municipal Regulations. —
23. "	21.	15. "	Appointment of Mr. A. P. Happer Jr., as Interpreter to the Canton Consulate. —
" "	22	16. "	Temporary appointment of Wm. P. Jones, U.S. Consul at Macao, as acting Consul at Amoy. —
16 April	23.	31. "	Plea for Mr. Lord, Consul at Ningpo — Request for leave of absence for Consul Perry (Canton). — Tonnage dues on vessels trading to the Amoor River.
8. May	P.	22. Feby	Suggesting that a portrait of Washington be sent to Tsen-Ki-Yu, the author of an eulogy on him.

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When Received.	No.	Date.	Subject.
1866.		1866.	
2. March.	117.	28. Feby.	Suggestions relating to China. — Consulates. — College Bill. — Legation. — Piracy. — Emigration.
		From	S. Wells Williams. Chargé d'affaires — China.
17. Mar.	24.	10. Mch.	Sending Z as Special commissioner by the Chinese Govt. to the Western Treaty Powers. —
" "	25.	13. "	Requesting a further supply of Congressional documents. —
19. July.	26.	2. April	Transmitting four rules issued by the Chinese native Govt. for the repacking of Goods, in transitu. —
28. "	27.	3. "	Coolie Trade. — Regulations agreed upon between Prince Kung & the British & French Representatives. — Chinese Consuls. — Emigrants to California.
19. "	28.	6. "	Case of Burgevine. Treatment at Fuhchau. — Career of Ward and Burgevine in the service of the Chinese Govt. —
28. "	29.	7. "	Homicide of J. H. Butler at Ningpo by a Frenchman named Pepin. —
19. "	30.	12. "	Desecration of American Cemetery at Ningpo. Graveyard given to the American missionaries. —
23. "	31.	4. May.	Appointment of Andrew P. Happer, Esq. as Interpreter to the U. S. Consulate at Canton.

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When recd.	No.	Date.	Subject. —
1866.		1866.	From S. Wells Williams Chargé d'Affaires. —
31. July.	32.	12. May.	Right of foreign steamers to navigate inland waters not conceded by treaties with China. — Chinese desire to charter steamers to go against Pirates. —
Aug. 9.	33.	21. "	Attack upon Consul Knight at Hui chang by Landitti. — Letters from him transmitted. — Danger to foreigners from robbers &c. —
21st "	34.	21st. "	Transmitting accounts of the Legation for 1865. —
13. Sept.	35.	12. June.	Measures against pirates — Misuse of the U.S. flag on the Yang tse River. — Reasons for dilatory action in such cases. —
15. Nov.	36.	5. Augt.	Foreign settlement at Shanghai. — Action of the French Govt. — Spirit of the Regulations. —
" "	37.	8. "	Massacre of Christians in Corea. — Action of the French Admiral in regard to the outrage. —
" "	38.	10. "	Desecration of American Cemetery at Yang chow. Dilatoriness of Chinese officials. —
" "	39.	15. "	Attack on Consul Knight at Hui chwang. Trial of the assailants. —

When received 1866.	No.	Date. 1866.	Subject.
			From S. Wells Williams, Chargé d'affaires.
15. Nov.	40.	8. Augt.	Measures for protection of foreigners at Kiuchwang. – Joint letter to Prince Kung & his reply.
"	41.	8. "	Case of Henry C. Bungerino – Burial of his body at Shanghae. –
			From Anson Burlingame. Esq.
10. Dec.	119.	9. Sept.	Arrival in China & resumption of the active duties of his office. – Incidents of his voyage. Pirates. – Hopeful condition of affairs in China. –
			From S. Wells Williams, Chargé d'affaires. –
31. "	42.	29. "	"Firefly" – C. E. Parker's claim settled. – History of the case – Terms of settlement.
1867. – 12. January.	43.	1. Octr.	Light Houses on the coast of China. – Annual income from Tonnage dues.
1866. –			From Anson Burlingame Esq.
10. Dec.	120.	6. "	Severe typhoon on the Coast of Japan. –
1867 4. January.	121.	3. "	Application of James L. Kiernan, U.S. Consul at Chinkiang, for leave of absence. –

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Received 1867	No.	Date 1867	Subject
			From S. Wells Williams, Esqr. —
22. Jany.	44.	24. Oct.	Wreck of American Schooner "Surprise" on Corea. Hospitable treatment of the crew by the natives.
" "	45.	31.	" Negotiation of a Treaty with Italy. —
2. April.	46.	15. Nov.	Homicide of an American J. H. Butler, by a Frenchman named Pesin. —
			From Anson Burlingame, Esqre —
16. Feby.	122.	12. Dec.	Conversation with Prince Kung, who is disturbed by the state of his relations with foreigners, the French, especially. —
" "	P.	"	" Referring to his No: 122. French relations with China.
18. March	123.	15.	" Departure of the French fleet for Corea, to seek redress for the injuries to missionaries. Capture of the capital of Corea, Seoul. — The unsuccessful issue of the Campaign. —
" "	124.	16.	" The "General Sherman" — Her crew murdered by the Coreans. — Particulars of the event. —
" "	125.	18. 1867.	" Revised Land Regulations for Shanghae. —
21. "	126.	3. Jany.	Newspapers printed in the Chinese language.
2. April.	Mem.	"	" Relative to memorandum from the Dept. in regard to missing despatches. — Instructions complied.

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When Rec'd 1867.	No.	Date 1867.	Subject
25. April.	127.	31. Jany.	Prospective demonstration against Corea by the French. — Requesting full power to act in Conjunction with them.
" — "	P.	" "	Explanatory of his despatch No. 127. above. —
13. May.	128.	9. Feby.	Eulogy upon Washington by Sen-ki-yu — Letter from Dr. Williams. —
" "	129.	" "	Relative rank of Commanders & Consuls.
~~29.~~ "	130.	Missing. — —	
29. May.	131.	13. Mch.	Legation buildings purchased by Dr. Williams out of accrued interest of Fund. Simonoseki Indemnity Fund. The present condition of the Fund. —
27. June.	132.	15. "	High Esteem in which Consul-General Hs. F. Seward is held in China. —
" "	133.	29. "	Progress of the Chinese in Commercial affairs. Memorandum from the Inspector General of Customs.
6. July.	134.	10. April.	College of Languages established in China. — Steady progress of the Chinese in the arts and sciences of the Western nations. —

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When recd 1867.	No.	Date 1867.	Subject. —
10. July.	135.	18. April	Leave granted to Wm. E. Lord, Vice Consul at Ningpo. — Supply of the Consulate during his absence. —
8. "	136.	23. "	The manner in which despatches should be sent to him.
"	137.	"	"Rover", american barque lost on Formosa. Murder of her crew by the natives. — Details of the catastrophe.
"	138.	1. May.	Pilot Regulations proposed by the Chinese Govt. & agreed to by foreign representatives. —
"	139.	6. "	Rect. of Congressional Documents. — Request for National Almanac. —
	140.	8. "	Appointment of Wo-jin in the Chinese Foreign Office. Reasons for the act. —
23. Augt.	141.	22. "	Telegraphs in China. — Strong opposition to them and to Railroads by the Govt. & people. —
23. "	142.	20. "	Protection to native Christians in China. —
	142 [Bis]	19 June.	"Rover"; wrecked on Formosa. Massacre of her crew. Despatches from Consul Le Gendre at Amoy. —
23. Septr.	143.	3. July.	Appointment of Wm. P. Jones as Vice Consul at Canton. Edward M. King was also appointed there. —
Oct. 14.	144.	14. "	Simonoseki Indemnity Fund. — His desire regarding the disposal of the interest money. —

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When Rec.d	No.	Date.	Subject.
1867. 14. Oct.	145	17. July	Modification of Treaty relative to penalty levied on merchant vessels not reporting arrival within the required time of 48 hours—
14. Oct.—	146.	17. July	Objections to Mr. Sanford as Consul at Chefoo.— They are retracted on account of his marked improvement.—
	147.		Omitted by Mr Burlingame—
" "	148.	18. "	Transmitting Legation accounts for 1866.
1868.— 23. Jany.	149.	14. Oct.r	Presentation of the portrait of Washington to Sen-Ki-yu— Address and his reply.—
22 April	—	1. "	Has drawn for Contingent Expenses 1862.
" "	—	1. "	Has drawn for a/c of Contingent expenses. 1863.—
			From S. Wells Williams, Chargé daffaires:
9. March.	1.	28. "	Resignation of Mr. Burlingame— Mr. Williams is in charge of the Legation.—
			From Mr. Burlingame—
18. Feby.	—	14. Dec.r	Explaining his Mission as Ambassador from China to the Treaty Powers— & his reasons for accepting the position.—

From W. Seward, Sec'y of State. S. Wells Williams, Chargé d'affaires; China.

When rec'd	No.	Date.	Subject.
1868.		1867.	
9 March.	2.	33 Dec.	The appointment of Mr Burlingame as Chinese Ambassador. — Remarks.
		1868.	
23. April	3.	11. Jany.	Modification in duty on tea-dust.
		1868	
23 April	4.	24. Jany.	Commission of C. J. Sands as vice Consul at Chinkiang forwarded to him — Will transmit to Consul Lord at Hong Kong the Dept's approval of his conduct. Correction of despatch numbers. —
" "	5.	25. "	Departure of the Chinese Embassy. — The Letters of Credence given to it. —
" "	—	20. Feby.	From Mr. Burlingame, enclosing his oath as E. E. & M. P. from the U. S. to China. —
15. June.	6	29. "	Transmitting specimens of Postage Stamps in use by the Chinese Govt. for the U.S.P.O. Dept. —
" "	7.	3. March.	Approval of A. N. Stanley as Marshal of the Consular Court at Chin Kiang.
12. "	8.	13. "	"Rover" lost on Formosa. Massacre of the Crew. Report of General Legendre's visit there. —
			From J. Ross Browne, Esq.
" "	9.	18. March.	Accepting the appointment of E. E. & M. P. to China

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When Rec'd	No.	Date.	Subject.	Vo.
1868.		1868.		1868.
15. June.	9.	21. March.	Presentation of Gold Watch to Rev. Mr. Gillis for services to Americans at Shanghai in Augt. 1866. — In consequence of his death, it was presented to the Society of Foreign Miss.s	17
" "	—	31. "	Advising of his draft on the Dept. in favor of Oliphant & Co for loss on sale of bills on London.	1
13. July.	10.	8. April	Exchange of official documents. Copy & Correspondence on the subject with Chinese Officials.	1
26. "	11.	20. "	Chinese — Indemnity Fund —	
	—	12. May.	Application of Lin Lien for full pay as Interpreter to the Consulate at Amoy. —	
[From J. Ross Browne, Esqre.]				
7. Augt.	—	24. July.	Chinese labor on the Pacific Coast, & its effect on the developement of the Country. — Communication from Mr. David Cleveland. —	
4 August	—	" "	Colonization by Chinese of the Lower California Company's grants in Sonora and Lower California	"
12. Augt.	12.	26. May.	Revision of the Light House system of China Proposed modifications in the Treaty of Tientsin — Extension of trade. —	"

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When rec'd 1868.	No.	Date 1868.	Subject.
1 Sept.	13.	8. June.	Reductions of duty on Sea-dust. —
	14	Missing. —	
17 aug	—	2 aug	will sail from San Francisco on the 3d inst. Encloses newspaper notices.
1 "	15.	25. June.	Importation of ship building materials at Amoy. — Inconvenience to proprietors of docks there. —
1 "	16	- July	Containg copy of a secret memorial from the Acting Governor of the Provinces of Kiangsu, Nganhwui and Kiangsi showing the feeling and tendency of the Chinese towards the outside world
	17.	2 July	Encloses 8 Rules agreed on between Prince Kung and the Foreign Ministers for the conduct of the Joint Tribunal in cases of confiscation and Fines for breach of revenue laws.
"	P.	2. July.	Circular of British Minister to British Consuls in China. —
Octr.	18.	31 July.	"General Sherman" wrecked on Corea - Massacre of her crew. — Correspondence with the Chinese Govt.
" "	19.	5. (?) Augt.	F. H. B. Jenkins Case - Unlawful attempt to land in Corea — Trial of Jenkins. —
" "	20	3. "	Gold Mine discovered near Chefoo, Shantung Prov. Chinese Govt opposes its being worked. —
" "	21	4 "	Correspondence with the Minister of the U. S. Union growing out of the limited powers conferred upon the German mercantile consular agents in China, which prevents them from deciding cases brought into their Courts

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When rec'd	No.	Date.	Subject.
1861.		1861.	
3. Oct.	22.	4. Augt.	Transmission of seeds to China — Encloses a letter to the Comm'r of Agriculture. —
" "	23.	6.	" Has granted leave of absence to E. J. Sandford, Consul at Chifu, & appointed H. S. A. Holmes as Vice Consul in the interim.
5. Nov'r	24.	21.	" Appointment of Wm. J. A. T. Meadows as Vice Consul at Tientsin in 1856 — No record having been Known of such information, Given to the Dept. —
" "	25.	22.	" Straw Shoe Channel in the river Jangtsze. Encloses decree prohibiting Am. steamers passing through the above-described channel.
" "	26.	29.	" Consul Le Gendre's Complaint that E. M. Smith a merchant at Amoy has been injured in the matter of duties
" "	27.	1. Sept'r.	" Proposal for the Embassy to visit Jeddo declined by the Chinese Govt. Their reasons. —
23. Dec'r.	28.	14.	" Revised Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement at Shanghae — Requests a rep
" "	29.	15.	" Propriety of the appointment of a U.S. Consul at the Port of Tientsin. —
4. "	30.	"	" Transmitting documents relating to the Foreign Le with China —

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When Rec'd 1869.	No.	Date 1869.	Subject.
6. Dec.	31.	23. Sept.	Delivery of Charts & plans designed for the Chinese Govt. by the U.S. Light House Board.
"	32.	25. "	Chinese Indemnity Fund.
1869.			
6. Jany.	33.	26. "	Revision of the British Treaty. Transmitting a series of papers relating to that subject.
4. Feby.	-	23 Nov.	Notice of drafts for $600:- & $650:- Loss of Exchange on drafts for salary

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"Private Secretary" Lucy C. Browne (Mrs. Spencer C. Browne)

1869	No.	1868	
6. Jany.	1.	28. Oct.	Arrival at Peking. Brief sketch of his voyage.
4. Feby.	2.	8. Nov.	Brooks Islands. Their adaptability for a stopping-place for Steamers plying between San Francisco & the Coasts of China Transmitting a Communication from Consul General Seward Our expanding commerce with Asia
"	3.	"	Gold mines discovered near Kinghai, Shantung Province Chinese Govt. oppose the working of them. —
"	4.	20. "	His official reception by His Imperial Highness Prince Kung

* Information furnished Feb. 27. 1934 by Mr. Spencer C. Browne 235 Mountain Ave. Piedmont, California, son of Lucy

Wm H. Seward to Dept. of State. J. Ross Browne, E. & M. P., China.

When Rec'd	No.	Date.	Subject.
1869.		1868.	
4. Febr.	5.	24. Nov.	Mining excitement in Shantung. Report from Baron von Richthofen.
" "	6.	25. "	Mixed Court at Shanghai - adoption of a code of rules.
	7.		Difficulties in pursuing the cooperative policy in view of the Burlingame treaty and pending British negotiations
4. Febr.	8.	28.(?) "	New Pilot Regulations adopted by the Chinese Govt.
" "	9.	26. "	Capt. David McDougal, U.S.N. - His services at Simonoseki, Japan.
1. March.	10.	3. Dec.	Consular jurisdiction in the East. Paper furnished by Mr. de Rehfues, the Prussian Minister, on this subject.
" "	11	5 "	Tendency in regard to introduction of modern improvements of western nations.
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		1869	
	14	2 Jany	Progress of negotiations connected with revision of British Treaty.

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when rec'd	No.	date	Subject
1869		1869	
23 April	15	14 Jany	Views on revision of Treaty. Slow progress.
" "	16	17 "	Settlement of difficulty between native & foreign traders, by British and american consular & naval authorities at port of Tamsui.
" "	17	28 "	Case of Rev. T. P. Crawford, american Missionary, charged with opening coal mines contrary to laws of China, correspondence relating thereto.
" "	18	26 "	Bombardment of Anping Formosa by a British Gunboat. Causes &c - Act disapproved by British Minister.
" "	19	28 "	Railroads in China, construction of.-
" "	20	" "	Attack on English Protestant Missionaries at Yangchow. Details of measures taken for redress of.
" "	—	29 "	Revises Pilotage Regulations. Transmits two copies of.
6 May	21	12 Febry	Correspondence with U.S Consul Fuhchau relative to interference with Missionaries under charge of Mr. Baldwin, American, at Kienning
" "	22	18 "	Troubles at Anping in Formosa, Full reports on, from U.S. Consul at Amoy
" "	23	27 "	Attack on Rev. A. Höhing, american Missionary at Wuchang
" "	24	1 March	Submarine telegraphic cable to connect open ports of China. Letter of Geo F. Seward, U.S. Consul General, Shanghai, to Mr. Chas D. Poston.
" "	—	4 "	acknowledges receipt of despatches of dates of Oct 24. Nov 12 - Nov 28 - Dec. 8 - & July 20 with enclosures & maps.

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When rec'd	No	Date	
1869		1869	
6 May	25	20 March	Acknowledges receipt of Nos 9 to 13-
Hamilton Fish	Secy of State		Same -
29 July	26	20 May	Transmits Contingent account for 1868 - & Newspaper Extracts -
" "	27	1 June	Alleged robberies by foreigners near Chifu. Letter from Prince Kung
" "	28	1 "	Reduction of duties on watches & clocks to five per cent, ad valorem.
" "	29	3 "	Maltreatment of Chinese in Peru. Letter from Mr. Hovey, U.S. Minister.
" "	30	4 "	Chinese Govt. proposes to defer exchange of Burlingame Treaty until the return of the Embassy -
" "	31	5 "	Recognition of Consular Officers of other Powers in China.
" "	32	" "	Expedition through Formosa by Mr. Le Gendre U.S. Consul at Amoy.
" "	33	" "	Troubles in Formosa. Additional Correspondence
28 August	34	7 "	Collision between British and Chinese at Swatow.
30 "	35	15 "	Missionary Troubles.
" "	36	" "	Revision of British Treaty - acknowledges receipt of No 19.
" "	37	" "	Reply to offer of Commander Jas. N. Gillis U.S Navy of his service as Head of a Chinese Navy, should one be created -

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when rec'd 1869	No	Date 1869	Subject
30 Aug	38	15 June	Missionary Troubles - Duplicate of No 35 (ante)
" "	39	" "	Camphor Trade in Formosa. Report by Mr. Le Gendre U.S. Consul at Amoy
" "	40	16 "	Transmits 3d 4th 5th 6th annual reports of Peking Hospital. Remarks on Missionary Troubles
" "	41	" "	S.D. Williams recommended as Vice Consul at Kuin-chow-fu in the Island of Hainan - Map & description of Island.
	42		No 42 was never rec'd at Dep't but was suppressed by Mr. Browne according to his own statement - The enclosures, being Memorials relative to Revision of Treaty of Tientsin are herewith.
30 Aug	43	19 June	Telegraphs in China. Prospectus of East India Tel. Co &c
" "	44	20 "	Resources of China - Remarks on,
" "	45	" "	Coal Mines. Information relative to,
2 Sept	46	21 "	Treaty rights of Missionaries - Letter from Rev M.J. Knowlton, Ningpo.
2 Aug	47	23 "	Burlingame Treaty - Doubts expressed as to good faith of Chinese.
" "	48	25 "	Chinese Progress - General Impressions erroneous -
" "	49	29 "	Maltreatment of Chinese in Peru - Correspondence with Prince Kung
" "	50	" "	Presentation of Books & Seeds to Chinese Govt. by Chas. D. Poston, Special Agt of U.S. Dept of Agriculture. Reply of Prince Kung.

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When Rec'd	No	Date	Subject
1869 30 August	51	June 30	Burlingame Treaty. Remarks on.
" "	52	July 2	Merchant Consuls in China - Correspondence with Prince Kung.
" "	53	" 3	Farewell visit of Prince Kung Notes of, by Dr. Williams
" "	54	" 15	Municipal Govt. of Shanghai - Letter of Geo F. Seward. Consul Genl.
28 "	—	" 19	Mr. Burlingame's Mission - Letter from Mr. Sparrow Knight to Prest.
	55	" 20	J. S. Wells Williams, transferring charge of Legation to him.
30 August	unofficial	—	— Appointment of Successor. Remarks of newspapers on,
20 "	Tel. from San Francisco	Aug 20.	arrival at San Francisco, Dr Williams in charge of Legation Requests suspension of action until arrival of his despatches.
30 "	—	" "	Burlingame Mission, Policy of Chinese Govt, Correspondence thereon.
" "	—	" "	Transmits copy of letter of S. Wells Williams appointing him Chargé d'affaires at Pekin.
" "	—	" 21	Transmits address made to him by American & British merchants of Shanghai, on his departure from China.
3 September 1870	—	" 23 1870	Coolie Trade - Despatch from Genl. Le Gendre, U.S. Consul at Amoy -
22. Feby	-	Feby 11	Left Shanghai July 20, and arrived at San Francisco 19 August 1869. Engaged in Coolie investigation until Sept 1st did not reach his place of residence until Octo 1 -

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when Rec'd 1870	No	Date	Subject
21 March	Tel.	19 inst.	Rec'd letter of 4th inst - will send additional statement of account on Monday —

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when Rec'd 1869	No	Date 1869	
28 Sept	55	21 July	Took charge of Legation July 5th on departure of Mr Browne - acknowledges receipt of Nos 30 to 36 incl. - Arrival of Austrian Embassy under Admiral Pelz to negotiate Treaty with Chinese Govt. Affairs quiet
" "	56	23 "	asks copies of Diplomatic Correspondence as published, or similar information
" "	—	30 "	Transmit Inclosure "B" to Mr Browne's dispatch No 52 (ante)
" Octo	58	26 Aug	Views on Chinese Literature and Culture
" "	59	28 "	Account of burning of building containing library archives &c of Chinese Govt.
" "	60	30 "	Transmit copy of Report of Customs at open ports in year 1868.
" "	61	1 Sept	Acknowledges Nos 37. 38 & 39 - Pacific Railroad - Chinese etiquette
30 Nov.	62 confidential	10 "	Austrian Embassy have left Peking having concluded Treaty
" "	63	30 "	Copy of Resolutions of Chamber of Commerce at Hong Kong relative to address presented to Hon J Ross Browne at Shanghai & of reply —
" "	621	" "	Acknowledges receipt of No 40 Submarine cable along coast of China and of No 41 Revision of British Treaty:

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When recd	No	Date	Subject
1869 30 Novr	65	1869 1. Octo	Burlingame Treaty - Chinese Govt declines to exchange ratifications until return of Embassy from Europe.
" "	—	"	Has drawn for $1.500.= (gold) loss of exchange on drafts
" "	—	2 "	Letter and two books on Tea Culture for Hon. Jos. Swinton.
" "	66	5 "	Revised Land Regulations of foreign settlements at Shanghai. with sundry inclosures.
1870 3 Jany	66 additional	3 Novr	Same subject - Memorandum signed by all the foreign representatives, to cover the amendments to.
"	67	18 "	Account of newly-erected light on Bretzloff I at mouth of Yangtsz' river
"	68	" "	Report on Trade at open ports for the year 1868. Copy of.
8 Feby	69	24 "	Burlingame Treaty - Emperor has ratified the eight additional articles - Ratifications exchanged yesterday without formality
" "	—	30 "	Forwards by hands of J. McLeavy Brown Esq ratified copy of Treaty.
" "	70	" "	Extract from English version of Convention signed in Octo. by British Minister & Chinese Govt. containing important modifications of present British Treaty.
25 "	71	18 Decr	Notice of appointment of three new members to "Board of Works"
" "	72	20 "	Documents & correspondence relative to attempt of Chinese authorities at Peking to modify tariff on Export of beans & bean cake, and its failure & withdrawal of new regulation.

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when Rec'd	No	Date	Subject
1870		1870	
28 March	—	3 Jany	Acknowledges receipt of Statutes at Large Vol XV & Dip. Cor. for 1868
" "	73	" "	" " " No 18 and notice of death of Secy of war. Account of visit of Prince alfred to Peking
" "	74	5 "	Convention between Great Britain & China signed at Peking. Notes on discussion of provisions of, by Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai.
24 Jany	Tel	24 Jany	from Depy Col. of Customs San Francisco announcing ratification of Burlingame Treaty between China & U.S
21 Apl	75	22 Feby	Revision of British Treaty and acceptance of new articles by other Treaty Powers. Minute signed by U.S & Chinese officials about pilots & Chinese jurisdiction in her own waters & own application of transit duty to goods going thro' Manchuria.
" "	76	23 "	Wm S. Vernam declines appointment as U. S Consul at Kiukiang C.S. Rose to be reported as U. S. Vice-Consul at that port.
" May	77	1 March	Relative to appointment of Salaries Consul at Tientsin -
" "	78	3 "	Transmits Contingent account for year 1869 - List of books in the Library of the Legation
" "	79	9 "	Burlingame Treaty. Publication of eight additional articles by Chinese Govt.
" "	80	15 "	Acknowledgement of despatches Nos 1 to 8 - Measures taken to procure specimens of soil suitable for tea culture. for Comr of Genl Land Office -

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when rec'd	No	Date	Subjects
1870			
21 May	81	16 March	relating to Passports for american citizens to travel in interior of China - Rules for U.S. Consuls
	82	18 April	Treaty - Exchange & publication of, - Special powers unnecessary.

Frederick F. Low. E.E. and M.P.

2	20 April	Arrival at Peking - visit to Consular ports.
3	6 May	Credentials presented.
4	10 May	Convention bet. China & Great Britain - Comments thereon
5	15 May	Death of a member of the Foreign Office.
6	19 May	Mr. Burlingame's death - Correspondence relative thereto.

CHINA—DISPATCHES.

1870.

FREDERICK F. LOW,
Commissioned envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from the United States, September 28, 1869; presented credentials April 27, 1870. Left on leave July 24, 1873. Resigned March 28, 1874.

7. June 9. Coolies in Peru. Treatment of. The appointment of Chinese consuls abroad would probably remedy the evil.
8. June 10. Trade-returns of treaty-ports for 1869 inclosed.
9. June 15. Peru. United States minister to represent Peruvian interests in China. Information respecting the Coolie question communicated to foreign office.
10. June 19. Convention between China and Great Britain. Mr. J. B. Robertson's paper, read before the Asiatic Society, inclosed.
11. June 21. Piracy in Chinese waters, and plan for its suppression. No. 8 received.
12. June 27. Tien-Tsin massacre. Detailed account of the occurrences at Tien-Tsin.
13. July 10. Coolies. Shipment of, to New Orleans. Suggests legislation for the prevention of the traffic.
14. July 15. Canton. Acting vice-consul at, appointed.
15. July 16. Corea and China. Existing relations between.
16. July 17. Audience. Question of obtaining audience with the Emperor. French legation will be probably withdrawn if audience is denied to the coming embassador.
17. July 18. Tien-Tsin massacre. Suggests acknowledgment to Messrs. Russell & Co., for placing the steamer "Manchu" at the disposal of the legation.
18. July 27. Tien-Tsin massacre. Further report respecting.
19. Aug. 2. Coal-fields of China. Reports respecting.
20. Aug. 5. Legation buildings. Their condition and requirements.
21. Aug. 8. Tael of China. Its value, weight, purity, &c.
22. Aug. 18. Tien-Tsin massacre. Impolitic conduct and unwise zeal of the missionaries intensifies the hatred of the natives towards foreigners.
23. Aug. 20. Naval station for North Germany. Will use his good offices to secure same.
24. Aug. 22. Tien-Tsin massacre. Action of French chargé tends to render a settlement difficult.
25. Aug. 24. Tien-Tsin massacre. Opinions of foreign officials and other foreigners in China regarding the causes which led to, and the punishment which should be inflicted upon the guilty.
26. Sept. 5. Tien-Tsin massacre. Pamphlet compiled from articles in the Anglo-Chinese papers inclosed.
27. Sept. 10. Tien-Tsin massacre. Memorandum of French chargé upon the riot, punishment of local officers, &c., inclosed.
28. Sept. 15. Piracy in Chinese seas. Its suppression. Great Britain's proposition to give the command of any expedition against pirates to the naval officer highest in command, irrespective of his nationality, is open to grave objections.
29. Sept. 17. Tien-Tsin massacre. Needless flight of missionaries from Tung-Chow.
30. Sept. 20. Report of Baron Richthofen upon the provinces of Honan, Hupeh, Honan, and Shanci.

S. WELLS WILLIAMS,
Commissioned secretary and interpreter to legation June 27, 1855. Acted as chargé d'affaires *ad interim* from about November 1, 1855, to January 19, 1856; from August 25 to November 16, 1857; from December 8, 1858, to May 18, 1859; from October 1 to October 24, 1861; from May 6, 1865, to September 19, 1866; from November 21, 1867, to September 29, 1868; from July 5, 1869, to April 20, 1870; from April 11, 1871, to about October 2, 1871; from July 24, 1873. Still in charge.

83. Sept. 25. Canton consulate. Disposition of indemnity received from China for destruction of flag-staff.

DEPARTMENT.

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			VOL.	PAGE.
	1870.			
FREDERICK F. LOW.....	21.	Sept. 23. Unsettled condition of country. Removal of missionaries.		
	22.	Sept. 25. Protection of Americans and other foreigners in China. Correspondence with Admiral Rodgers as to what steps should be taken inclosed. Views of Department requested.		
	23.	Sept. 29. Trade at the treaty-ports. Report on, inclosed.		
	24.	Oct. 20. Missionary troubles at Tung-Chow. The missionaries may return with safety.		
	25.	Oct. 25. Tien-Tsin massacre. Joint note of foreign representatives relative to the punishment of the rioters inclosed.		
	26.	Nov. 15. Thanks of President conveyed to China for assistance rendered by certain mandarins to officers and crew of the "Penee."		
	27.	Nov. 22. Corea. Proposed mission to. Letter from North German minister to Japan to North German minister to China, giving a description of a visit to.		
	28.	Nov. 24. France. Diplomatic relations with China. Measures of reparation tendered by China to France.		
	....	Nov. 24. Corea. Mission to. Mr. George F. Seward may not accompany it. Character of French embassador.		
	29.	Nov. 28. Claim of F. P. Knight for money expended in case of James Smith.		
	....	Nov. 28. Library of legation. Law-books requested.		
	30.	Dec. 5. Missionary question in China. French treaty bearing upon privileges of missionaries inclosed. Mr. Low instructs consuls as to rights of missionaries. Views of Department requested.		
	31.	Dec. 10. Protection of foreigners in China. Correspondence with Admiral Rodgers relative to a vessel remaining at Tien-Tsin during winter.		
	32.	Dec. 12. Governor Seward in China. His reception by officials.		
	33.	Dec. 15. Tien-Tsin massacre. Adjustment of claim of missionaries for losses sustained at Tien-Tsin.		
	34.	Dec. 18. Tien-Tsin massacre. Mission of Chinese embassador to France. Published letter from Shanghai Chamber of Commerce relative to.		
	35.	Dec. 27. Tien-Tsin massacre. Erection by the Chinese of a memorial tablet or temple to the Tien-Tsin murderers prevented by the government.		
	....	Dec. 28. Without Department advices later than September.		
		1871.		
	45.	Jan. 10. History, policy, and public opinion in China. Future policy of the empire. Relations of United States.		
	....	Jan. 10. Same subject.		
	47.	Jan. 15. Return of missionaries to Tung-Chow.		
	48.	Jan. 20. Claim of Howard & Co. for seizure of their steamer "Hellespont" in 1862.		
	49.	Jan. 24. Nos. 17 to 28 received.		
	50.	Jan. 26. Franco-German war. France will not accede to the proposition of United States for France and Germany to cease hostilities in Chinese waters.		
	51.	Feb. 10. Revision of treaty between France and China. Memorandum of French chargé inclosed.		
	52.	Feb. 20. Revision of treaty between France and China. Dispatch of French chargé to his government. His criticism of United States citizens in China. Comments of Mr. Low.		
	53.	Feb. 23. Canton. Mr. Jewell's commission as consul received.		
	53½.	Mar. 8. Corea. Notification to King of Corea that minister will visit his country for the purpose of negotiating a treaty. Notification sent through Chinese government.		
	54.	Mar. 10. Tien-Tsin massacre. Correspondence between French chargé and Roman Catholic bishops relative to indemnity for losses.		
	55.	Mar. 15. Missionary question. Will inform China that if it violates stipulations of any treaty with foreign powers the good relations of United States with it will be impaired. Feed consuls do not perform their duties well.		
	56.	Mar. 20. Missionary question. Note from foreign office adducing charges against missionaries, and United States minister's reply thereto, inclosed.		
	57.	Mar. 22. Earthquake at Ia-Chuen. Report of the governor of the province relative to.		
	58.	Mar. 26. Return of American missionaries to Tung-Chow.		
	59.	Mar. 27. Library of legation. An iron safe and certain documents wanted.		
	60.	Mar. 30. Accounts.		
	61.	April 3. Corea. Mission to. Chinese government says letter of Mr. Low has been sent to King of Corea, as requested.		
	62.	April 10. Light-house system of China. Tonnage-dues. Memorandum of Inspector-General Hart.		
FREDERICK F. LOW—Continued.	63.	April 20. Corea. Mission to. Full power to treat with King of Corea, and Nos. 31 and 32 received.		
	64.	April 22. Chee-Foo. Resignation of vice-consul and appointment of a successor. Asks confirmation of the appointment.		
	65.	April 25. Corea. Mission to. Arrival at Shanghai. Names of persons and vessels that are to accompany the mission.		
	66.	May 12. Nos. 33 to 36 received.		
	67.	May 13. Light-house system of China. Will await reply to his No. 62 before acting upon Department's No. 37.		
	68.	May 13. Coolies. Note from United States chargé and petition of Chinese residents in Peru to Prince Kung, relative to sufferings of Chinese laborers residing in Peru.		
	69.	May 13. Corea. Mission to. Arrival at Nagasaki on way to Corea. Entire accord between himself and Admiral Rodgers.		
	70.	May 31. Corea. Mission to. Narrative of trip. Exploring party. Map of west coast. Correspondence with officials.		
	71.	June 2. Corea. Mission to. Gives account of attack upon the surveying party by Coreans. Report of John P. Cowles, jr.		
	Tel.	June 3. Corea. Mission to. Wanton attack on surveying party in Corea.		
	72.	June 13. "Chusan." North German schooner wrecked near the coast of Corea. Circumstances of disaster and action of the Coreans.		
	73.	June 15. Corea. Mission to. Substance of information obtained from Corean Christians, touching matters in Corea generally and circumstances touching loss of American steamer "General Sherman."		
S. WELLS WILLIAMS, chargé.	73½.	June 19. "Hellespont." Has informed her owners that Department has decided they have no ground for a claim against China. Examination of native students. Death of Emperor's tutor. Peking College. Telegraphic communication. Manner of transmitting telegraphic messages in Chinese language. Nos. 38 to 40 received.		
FREDERICK F. LOW.....	74.	June 20. Corea. Mission to. Details events from 9d to 20th June. Occupation and destruction of five Corean forts. Object of the mission not accomplished.		
S. WELLS WILLIAMS, chargé.	74½.	June 20. Canton. Charges against Daniel Vrooman, late United States vice-consul. Olyphant & Co. ask redress for losses caused by consul's interfering in a contract.		
FREDERICK F. LOW.....	Tel.	June 22. Corea. Mission to. Relative to negotiations with Corea. Nothing can be effected until the capital of Corea is taken possession of.		
S. WELLS WILLIAMS, chargé.	75.	June 29. New-Chwang. No Chinese interpreter at. Consul requests authority to remunerate parties who assist him in translating. Courtesy of the British consul. Necessity for interpreters at consulates.		
FREDERICK F. LOW.....	75½.	July 6. Corea. Mission to. Withdrawal of fleet. General situation. Its influence upon China. No attempt should be made at peaceful negotiation. Capital of Corea should be taken possession of. Complications in the East should be avoided.		
	76.	July 10. Chee-Foo. The appointment of James Wilson vice-consul at. Reasons therefor.		
	77.	July 15. "Chusan." Sale of the wreck of the, which was in possession of the Coreans, and attempt of the purchasers to obtain the property. Seizure and subsequent release of two of the purchasers, who were British subjects, by the Coreans.		
	78.	July 18. Corea. United States naval operations in. Comments of Shanghai News-Letter on.		
S. WELLS WILLIAMS, chargé.	78½.	July 25. Coolies. Chinese in Peru. Their petition presented to Chinese government, which will endeavor to prevent any more Chinese going to Peru, and try to better the condition of those already there.		
	79.	Aug. 1. Audience question. Incloses letter from Jules Favre to Chinese embassador in Paris.		
FREDERICK F. LOW.....	79½.	Aug. 3. Corea. Dispatch from that government to Chinese board of rites. Neglect of board to forward a copy to United States minister. A meagre extract only furnished. Comments on the action of the board.		
	80.	Aug. 5. Tien-Tsin massacre. Russian minister demands re-examination of the four men convicted of murder during the massacre. Two only found guilty.		
	81.	Aug. 7. Ching-Kiang. Consul ill, and compelled to leave post. Leave recommended.		
	....	Aug. 10. Shanghai. Charges against Consul-General Seward by the Treasury agent are without foundation. Mr. Seward is a very worthy officer.		
	....	Aug. 22. His arrival at Yokohama, to send his family to United States. Will return to China on 26th. Quiet in China.		
S. WELLS WILLIAMS, chargé.	81½.	Aug. 31. France and China. Refusal of the French government to receive the Chinese embassador until he has been invested with ample powers, and enabled to treat concerning the audience question, and the various matters in dispute between the two governments.		

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	97.	Sept.	5. Circulars Nos. 9 and 11 received.		
	98.	Sept.	6. Shipping interests. Explanation of.		
	99.	Sept.	7. Chinese indemnity. Suggests that the fund be used for the education of Americans in the Chinese language.		
	100.	Sept.	8. Foo-Chow. German chargé requests that United States consul take charge temporarily of German interests. Recommends acquiescence.		
	87.	Sept.	8. Tien-Tsin. Recommends appointment of a salaried consul at.		
	88.	Oct.	2. Corea. Mission to. Expenses. Accounts inclosed.		
	....	Oct.	4. Customs-service. Relative to appointment of Charles Payson in that service.		
	89.	Oct.	5. Chinese embassy to France. Latest news concerning movements of. Demands of French government. Chinese embassador authorized to discuss any question, but is forbidden to sign any engagement.		
	90.	Oct.	6. France and China. Dispatch from Russian chargé with reference to additional demands France will make upon China, and a memorandum of an interview between French chargé in Russia and the Russian minister for foreign affairs.		
	91.	Oct.	10. Asiatic station. Recommends a different class of vessels for the fleet, and that a naval station be established at Nagasaki.		
	92.	Oct.	16. Light-houses. Presentation of drawings, plans, and specifications to the Chinese government.		
	93.	Oct.	17. Disturbances at Canton, Swatow, Amoy, and Foo-Chow. Translations of proclamations, &c. Letter from Mr. Hammond and dispatch from Lord Granville.		
	94.	Oct.	19. Japanese embassy in China. Substance of a treaty concluded between Japan and China.		
	95.	Oct.	20. Law-books and stationery received; also Nos. 47 to 49.		
	96.	Oct.	25. Returns of trade at the treaty-ports of China.		
	97.	Oct.	27. Missionary memorandum of the Chinese government. Inclosed copy of note from the British chargé, in which the same is reviewed.		
	98.	Oct.	28. Inundation of a large tract of land near Tien-Tsin. Suffering of inhabitants. Prospect of trouble arising.		
	99.	Nov.	2. British cemetery at Peking. Requests that expenses for its improvement be defrayed.		
	100.	Nov.	5. Revision of treaties. Memorandum by Mr. Wade, and review of same by the late commissioner of customs at Foo-Chow.		
	101.	Nov.	13. Legation. Temporary secretary of. S. Wells Williams has gone to Shanghai to be absent several months, and Chester Holcombe is acting temporarily secretary. Hopes arrangement may be approved.		
	102.	Nov.	23. Corea. Corean King to the Chinese government. Interview between Mr. Low and Prince Kong, in which Corean question is reviewed.		
	103.	Nov.	24. No. 50 received.		
	104.	Nov.	24. Chin-Kiang. Will request recognition of consul at.		
	105.	Nov.	24. Missionary question. Interests of United States and England are nearly identical. No. 53 received.		
	106.	Nov.	24. Chee-Foo consulate. Recommends that it be made a salaried office or placed under Tien-Tsin. Dissatisfactoriness of merchant-consuls. Litigation between a Mr. Holmes, an American merchant, and a Chinese.		
	107.	Nov.	25. Chee-Foo. Rumored appointment of Mr. Holmes as consul. Doubts if a merchant will be recognized. Recommends that his commission be withheld until pending lawsuit between Mr. Holmes and a Chinese subject is settled.		
	108.	Nov.	25. Corean expedition. Mr. G. F. Seward, the consul-general, is considered author of letter printed in the "Shanghai News-Letter" relative to relations between Admiral Rodgers and minister. No. 55 received.		
	....	Nov.	25. Same subject.		
	109.	Dec.	5. Tien-Tsin massacre. Has been informed by French chargé that all questions relating to, have been arranged with Chungkow, Chinese embassador to France.		
	110.	Dec.	8. Foo-Chow. Recent troubles at, have been settled. Quiet restored. Note to Prince Kung, conveying acknowledgment for the prompt and just action of the Chinese officials of the Fuhkien province.		
	111.	Dec.	12. Chee-Foo. Mr. Holmes's lawsuit with a Chinese, referred to in Nos. 106 and 107, is about being settled. Mr. Holmes's statement in figures.		
	112.	Dec.	15. Corea. Incloses royal edict against Christianity found in a Corean fort.		
	113.	Dec.	17. China and Japan. Incloses copy of a treaty recently concluded between.		
FREDERICK F. LOW—Continued.	114.	Dec.	19. Anti-missionary movement in South China. Letter from Rev. J. V. N. Talmage to consul at Amoy, and review of letter by Hong-Kong China mail inclosed. Comments of United States minister on the letter. Mr. Low also reviews same.		
	115.	Dec.	21. Tien-Tsin. Unsettled condition of adjacent country. Insecurity of travelers. They must be accompanied by military escort.		
	116.	Dec.	26. Kiung-Chow. Opening of port of, on island of Hainan. Incloses copy of note to Prince Kung on subject.		
	117.	Dec.	27. Chinese Christians. Duty of consuls to protect. Letter from Mr. De Lano published in Chinese Recorder. Thinks publication of such letters by officials unwise.		
	....	Dec.	31. Draft. Advice of.		
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	118.	Jan.	3. Nos. 54 to 61 received.		
	119.	Jan.	5. Chinese memorandum on missions. Incloses Chinese text of rule No. 1, with definition of characters in English; also incloses Mr. Wade's translation and his dispatch to Earl Granville in relation to it.		
	120.	Jan.	6. "Mars." United States gunboat relieved by Chinese war-vessel "Tiempo." Note to Prince Kung upon subject.		
	121.	Jan.	10. Kiung-Chow. Opening of port. Note from Prince Kung stating that the authorities have been directed to make the necessary arrangements.		
	122.	Jan.	11. Corean question. Incloses copy of Prince Kung's note, and says discussion will not be continued unless ordered by Department.		
	123.	Jan.	13. Corea. Mission to. Thanks Department for approval of his course, and offers explanations with reference to manner of addressing Corean government, &c.		
	124.	Jan.	15. Missionary question. Reports interview with French chargé, and incloses note from same to foreign office.		
	125.	Jan.	18. Missionary question. Has communicated substance of No. 57 from Department to Prince Kung. It relates to the Chinese memorandum.		
	126.	Jan.	20. Chinese indemnity fund and Peking College. Incloses letter from president of college respecting the advisability of returning the indemnity to the Chinese government.		
	127.	Jan.	24. Nos. 62 to 66 received.		
	128.	Jan.	25. American missionary at Yü-cho attacked by a native mob. Ample reparation has been afforded.		
	129.	Jan.	25. Chin-Kiang. Importance of a consulate at, and great need of competent interpreters.		
	130.	Feb.	5. Education of Chinese youths in the United States. A project on foot for. Incloses correspondence with Chinese government relative to same. Scheme favorably viewed by Mr. Low.		
	131.	Feb.	8. Corean matters. Reports concerning Mr. Consul-General Seward's connection with newspapers of Shanghai. Inclosing editorial of the "News Letter," also extracts from letters from Admiral Rodgers and Mr. Seward, and Mr. Low's reply to the latter.		
	132.	Feb.	12. Amoy. Mr. Consul Le Gendre's dispatch No. 153 relative to disturbances in Amoy. Approves and commends recent action, and notes some of the errors which have crept into the consul's theory respecting Chinese affairs. Employment of interpreters.		
	133.	Feb.	17. Missionary troubles at Yü-cho. Inclosing Mr. Holcombe's report and other documents showing particulars of assault and the redress afforded by the authorities.		
	134.	Feb.	20. Methodist Episcopal missionaries purchase a house in the Chinese city, Peking. What has been done by officials to dispossess missionaries and efforts of legation to prevent their being dispossessed.		
	135.	Feb.	22. Chinese mission to France and settlement of Tien-Tsin massacre affair. Incloses correspondence between China and France.		
	136.	Mar.	2. Medical statistics of the treaty-ports of China. Climate. Diseases prevalent.		
	137.	Mar.	10. Imperial decree issued at request of British minister after the assault upon him in the streets of Peking. No hinderance to be placed in way of trade. Foreigners must be respected.		
	138.	Mar.	15. Emperor's marriage. Edicts naming future Empress and three additional wives.		
	139.	Mar.	18. Ministry of foreign affairs. Appointment of two new members. Their character, &c.		
	140.	Mar.	21. Amoy. Complaint of consul of neglect of legation to give him instructions relative to affairs in that quarter. Cause of delay, &c.		
	141.	Mar.	24. Death of governor-general of Kiangsu, Nganhui, and Kiangsi. Posthumous honors conferred upon deceased.		

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	142.	Mar. 27. Missionary case in Peking, mentioned in previous dispatch No. 136. Arrangement made which will probably dispose of question.		
	144.	Mar. 31. Accounts.		
	145.	April 10. Returns of trade at the treaty-ports for 1871.		
	146.	April 17. Nos. 67 to 72 and circulars 14 and 15 received.		
	147.	April 18. Swiss citizens in China. Government gives consent for protection of by United States minister.		
	148.	April 20. Legation library. Impracticable to exchange documents with Chinese government.		
	149.	April 23. Transit passes and drawback certificates. Regulations issued by Chinese government.		
	150.	April 25. Light-houses on Chinese coast. Establishment of. Requests publication of correspondence relative to.		
	151.	May 4. Claim of John Fogg Twombly against Chinese government. Correspondence with Prince Kung on subject.		
	152.	May 7. Portuguese residents at Foo-Chow ask protection by United States consular officer. Protection will be granted if Chinese authorities do not object.		
	153.	May 10. Indentures of students attending mission schools. Contracts by which scholars attending mission schools are indentured. Correspondence with vice-consul at Chee-Foo and the Tootai upon subject. Such contracts cannot be enforced.		
	154.	May 11. Contingent expenses of the legation for 1871. Inclosa account for same.		
	155.	May 18. No. 73 received.		
	156.	May 20. Cemetery near Peking. Improvements on. Has drawn on Department for same.		
	157.	May 23. Swiss citizens in China. Correspondence with consul-general on subject of protection of.		
	158.	May 24. China and Japan. Treaty between. Arrival of new mission for purpose of amending treaty.		
	159.	May 27. Inland Sea. Survey and chart of a portion of the Inland Sea by an American vessel of war. Inclosa papers showing that the survey is incorrect.		
	160.	May 30. Leave requested.		
	161.	June 5. Duration of the regency. Time of setting aside of the regency. Emperor desires to ascend the throne this year. It is opposed by anti-foreign party.		
	162.	June 8. Seizure and forcible detention of a number of children when on their way through Chin-Kiang to a Roman Catholic asylum at Woosi.		
	163.	June 12. Hankow. Consul recognized. Thanks for diplomatic correspondence. Nos. 74 to 77 received.		
	164.	June 13. Corean question. Subject of Department's No. 77 will be brought to the attention of China.		
	165.	June 20. Indenturing of children to the managers of Protestant mission schools. Inclosa correspondence with Chee-Foo vice-consul, and asks instructions on subject.		
	166.	June 24. Coolie-trade. Copy of a note addressed to Prince Kung on subject.		
	167.	June 26. Coolie-trade. Gives reasons for addressing Prince Kung on subject, and makes suggestions as to the policy of foreign governments with reference to the port of Macao.		
	168.	June 28. No. 78 received.		
	....	June 30. Draft. Advice of.		
	169.	July 3. American representation in the East. Japan referred to. Inclosa editorial from the Shanghai Courier relative to Minister De Long and American representation in the far East generally.		
	170.	July 6. Trade in Hainan and the opening of a port on that island. Memorandum by Mr. Robert Hart on the subject.		
	171.	July 10. Transit-passes and drawback-certificates. Inclosa communication from Shanghai Chamber of Commerce on subject.		
	172.	July 12. Education of Chinese youths in United States. States that thirty will leave in July or August. Note from foreign office on subject inclosed.		
	173.	July 20. Nos. 79 to 83 received.		
	174.	Aug. 1. Chee Foo. Proposes reduction in grade from a consulate to a consular agency, and recommends that it be attached to Tien-Tsin consulate.		
FREDERICK F. LOW—Continued.	175.	Aug. 4. Diplomatic correspondence of the United States. Opinion of Shanghai papers on.		
	176.	Aug. 5. Peking College. Conferring of rank on native teachers and professors. Thinks this will popularize the institution. Relative to sending Chinese youths to United States.		
	177.	Aug. 7. Tien-Tsin. Kidnapping case at. Inclosa report from vice-consul.		
	178.	Aug. 9. Arrival of a new French minister.		
	179.	Aug. 15. Customs gazette containing medical statistics of treaty-ports inclosed.		
	180.	Aug. 19. Tien-Tsin massacre. Comments of Shanghai Courier on Consul-General Seward's dispatch to Department.		
	181.	Aug. 21. Corea and Japan. Relations between. Reply of Corea to demand of Japan that she shall pay tribute.		
	182.	Sept. 2. Nos. 85 to 89 received.		
	183.	Sept. 5. Coolie-trade. Attempt of Mr. Wermouth, at Swatow, to evade coolie-emigration-act of 1862.		
	184.	Sept. 7. Revision of treaties with China. English, French, and German treaties now open for revision. Thinks support of chief treaty-powers will be sought, and asks instructions.		
	185.	Sept. 10. Mineral and other resources of China.		
	186.	Sept. 13. Audience question. Interview with French minister. France not disposed to press the subject prematurely.		
	187.	Sept. 17. Chin-Kiang. David A. Emory appointed vice-consul temporarily.		
	188.	Sept. 19. Chinese indemnity-fund. Recommends that it be devoted to educational purposes in China.		
	189.	Sept. 21. Medical statistics inclosed. No. 90 received.		
	190.	Sept. 23. Statistics of foreign trade with China in 1871. Largest portion of trade carried under United States flag.		
	191.	Sept. 24. Light-houses in China. Inclosa maps and charts.		
	192.	Oct. 3. Nos. 91 to 95 received.		
	193.	Oct. 5. Merchant-consuls in China. Inclosa, as requested, copies of correspondence between the American minister and the imperial commissioners in 1858 relative to right of consuls to trade.		
	194.	Oct. 7. Visit of Rear-Admiral Jenkins to Peking. Brief account of.		
	195.	Oct. 8. French affairs in China. Review of the situation by M. Giquel.		
	196.	Oct. 9. Protection of Portuguese subjects at Foo-Chow by United States consul. Mr. De Lano informed of the unwillingness of the Department to sanction such protection in the absence of a request from the Portuguese government and the acquiescence of the Chinese authorities therein. No. 93 received.		
	197.	Oct. 10. Chin-Kiang consulate. Proposed change in grade of the office. Recommends that no reduction be made. Inclosa letter from consul setting forth reasons why it should not be made.		
	198.	Oct. 14. Claim of J. Fogg Twombly will receive attention. Circular No. 25 and dispatch No. 96 received.		
	199.	Oct. 17. Emperor's marriage. Interview with two ministers relative to the seclusion of the Emperor on that occasion and the intention to close certain streets during the ceremonies.		
	200.	Oct. 18. Protection of Swiss citizens. Circular-letter issued by minister to United States consuls inclosed.		
	201.	Oct. 21. Coolie-traffic. Attempted evasion of United States laws at Canton. Trial of a subject of New Granada, one Serrano, by United States consul at Canton for participation with Wermouth and others in coolie-trade.		
	202.	Oct. 23. Missionary question. Trouble with authorities at Hangchow. Correspondence between missionaries and consul at Ningpo. Consul's report of interview with Chinese officials. Consul should be re-imbursed for expenses incurred in his trip to Hangchow.		
	Tel.	Oct. 26. Audience question. Regency will be set aside in February. Refers to his Nos. 160 and 161 and requests instructions.		
	203.	Oct. 28. Majority of the Emperor and the audience question. Thinks a united request for audience will not be refused. Importance of question.		
	204.	Nov. 4. Nos. 97 and 98 received.		
	205.	Nov. 6. Emperor assumes authority. Edict naming 23d of February, 1873, as day for assuming authority. His policy unknown.		
	206.	Nov. 8. Amoy. Irregularity in appointment of vice-consul by General Le Gendre, consul at.		

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	207.	Nov. 11. Coolie-traffic. Attempted evasion of United States laws at Canton, Success. His arrest and trial at Swatow and Canton for dealing in coolies. Consul Wingate's report of his co-operation with the same and correspondence between him and Mr. Jewell.		
	208.	Nov. 13. Tien-Tsin. W. H. Pott[illegible] nominated for vice-consul.		
	209.	Nov. 14. Nos. 91, 92, and 93 received.		
	210.	Nov. 20. Purchase of children by Romish missions in China. Inclosed report of the Society of Holy Childhood. Practice prejudicial to foreigners.		
	211.	Nov. 22. Missionary trouble at Hangchow. All the men arrested have been released. No fear of further trouble.		
	212.	Nov. 23. "Morin Lee," coolie-ship. Her detention at Yokohama. Notes between himself and Chinese government relative to same.		
	213.	Dec. 5. Northants pamphlet received.		
	214.	Dec. 10. Revision of the German treaty and the audience question. Summary of German minister's views on.		
	215.	Dec. 15. Establishment of a line of merchant-steamers between southern ports of China and Tien-Tsin under the control of high Chinese officials.		
	216.	Dec. 23. Nos. 100 to 103 received.		
	217.	Dec. 24. Mr. Seward's death. Circular relative to received.		
	218.	Dec. 26. Relations between Japan and China and Corea. Threatened hostility between Japan and the other two countries. Correspondence with United States minister to Japan on subject of General Le Gendre's appointment as special envoy of Japan to Corea.		
	....	Dec. 31. Draft. Advice of.		
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	219.	Jan. 4. "America." Money found on the bodies of Chinese who lost their lives when the steamer was burned in the harbor of Yokohama. Correspondence with Mr. DeLong and Mr. Shepard relative to disposition of.		
	220.	Jan. 6. Coolie-traffic. Attempted evasion of United States laws at Canton. Case of ship "Congress," engaged in the coolie-trade. Fine imposed on Wentworth, the agent. Correspondence with Chinese government relative to.		
	221.	Jan. 16. China and Japan. Relations between. Correspondence with Minister DeLong. His views. Opposes employment of Americans in the Japanese diplomatic or military service. Refers to the history of Generals Ward and Burgevine. Case of General Le Gendre.		
	222.	Jan. 15. Chinese educational mission now in the United States. Note from Chinese government expressing pleasure at their cordial reception. B. G. Northrop included in note of thanks.		
	223.	Jan. 18. Audience question. No information can be obtained as to course which will be pursued. Adheres to former expressed opinions.		
	224.	Jan. 21. Transit-passes inward and outward, and drawback-certificates. Draft of new rules for regulating same inclosed.		
	225.	Jan. 23. Army. General Le Gendre's resignation as consul, and his appointment in the Japanese service. Thinks United States will lose more than it will gain by such appointments.		
	226.	Jan. 24. Nos. 104 to 107 and circulars Nos. 26 and 27 received.		
	227.	Feb. 1. Corea. French expedition to in 1856, and a proposition made by Mr. Seward to France in 1867 for an alliance between France and United States with a view of sending a joint expedition to. Conversation with French minister upon the subject.		
	228.	Feb. 4. Contingent account. Circular No. 26 received. Cannot divide his fund as required, and requests to be exempt from the requirement. Fund too small.		
	229.	Feb. 10. Formosa. Consular jurisdiction over. Thinks it should be given to consul at Foo-Chow. Recommends that inquiry be made by consul-general. Reasons why suggestion has not been made before.		
	230.	Feb. 12. Nos. 108 to 112 received.		
	231.	Feb. 20. Transshipment of contraband goods in Chinese ports. Rules governing same have been adopted and are inclosed. Suggests that Treasury be informed.		
	232.	Feb. 22. Audience question. Proposal of Chinese government to send a written answer to a letter of credence. Case of the German minister. Meaning of the proceeding.		
	233.	Feb. 25. Coronation of the Emperor and the request of the foreign ministers for audience. States what has been done, and inclosed copies and translations of correspondence.		
	234.	Feb. 28. Nos. 113 to 115 received.		
	235.	Mar. 2. Che-Foo. Resignation of the vice-consul at.		
FREDERICK F. LOW—Continued.	236.	Mar. 8. Audience question. Acknowledges instruction 115. Comments on same, and gives reasons why subject should be settled without delay.		
	237.	Mar. 13. Audience question. States what has been done in the matter since February 25, and inclosed translation of correspondence and memorandum of discussions.		
	....	Mar. 13. Audience question. Unfriendly course of Russian colleague.		
	238.	Mar. 15. Audience question. Memorandum of conference between foreign ministers and Chinese officials.		
	239.	Mar. 17. Nos. 117 to 120 received.		
	240.	Mar. 20. Audiences with the Emperor. Published description of the ceremony of reception by Chinese Emperor of Russian ambassador during reign of Peter the Great.		
	241.	Mar. 22. Proposed visit of Emperor to the tomb of his ancestors. Visit will be made in April, and during absence the government will be in hands of a commission.		
	242.	Mar. 24. Audience question. Further discussion with Prince Kung. Memorandum of.		
	243.	Mar. 28. Audience question. Absence of Russian and German ministers may damage situation.		
	244.	Mar. 29. Audience question. Note from Prince Kung and memorandum on the subject.		
	245.	April 8. Tien-Tsin consulate. Recommends provisions for payment of constable, court expenses, and for an interpreter.		
	246.	April 10. Army. Consuls' reports printed in commercial relations for 1871 incorrect. Comments upon statements of General Le Gendre, and suggests that consuls confine themselves to facts only.		
	247.	April 14. Nos. 121 to 123 and circular No. 29 received.		
	248.	April 17. Tea. Market-value of, at the ports of China. Consuls to furnish information respecting.		
	249.	April 19. Foo-Chow. Interpreter for consulate at, recommended.		
	250.	April 23. Japanese embassy arrives at Tien-Tsin. No information as to object it has in view.		
	251.	April 25. Audience question. Note from Prince Kung. Imperial rescript. The prospect for audience being granted considered not unfavorable.		
	252.	May 1. Audience question. Protocol of three conferences inclosed. Request for audience will probably be granted without much further delay.		
	253.	May 2. Chinese military operations at and near Tien-Tsin probably attributable to presence of Japanese embassy.		
	254.	May 5. Chinese passenger-traffic between Chinese ports and India. The American steamers "Kinshu," "Charles C. Leary," and "James Bell," charged with carrying larger number of passengers than allowed by law. Conduct of Consul Studer at Singapore.		
	255.	May 10. Natural history of North China. Pamphlet on subject inclosed.		
	256.	May 13. Japanese embassy to China has reached Peking. Question of etiquette raised by General Le Gendre. He has created a very unfavorable impression.		
	257.	May 14. Nos. 124 to 127 and circulars Nos. 31 and 32 received.		
	258.	May 16. Audience question. Incloses copy of a protocol, with Chinese ministers, and asks that it may be substituted for that inclosed in No. 252.		
	259.	May 24. Military preparations of Chinese in the neighborhood of Tien-Tsin. Speculations as to cause of. Dispatch from consul at Tien-Tsin on the subject inclosed.		
	260.	May 27. Chinese youths to be sent to United States to be educated. Thirty students will embark June 12.		
	261.	June 3. Coolie emigration to Cuba. China prohibits same. Spain claims that the prohibition is an infraction of the treaty. Demands removal of restriction, and presents claim for damage. China refuses, and the question is to be submitted to arbitration. United States minister to act as one of the arbitrators. Requests certain documents.		
	262.	June 7. Military preparation of the Chinese near Tien-Tsin. Incloses report of British consul and plan of the new defensive works.		
	263.	June 10. Nos. 128 to 130 and circular No. 38 received.		
	264.	June 13. Japanese embassy to China. Formosa question to be discussed by them; also Corean question. Their request for audience still pending.		
	265.	June 15. Audience question. Incloses a decree granting same. Minor points of etiquette to be decided upon before reception by the Emperor.		
	266.	June 20. Organization of Chinese government. Inclosing extract from Memorial Diplomatique of Paris commenting favorably on his No. 123 of January 13, 1872.		
	267.	June 23. Trade of China with foreign countries. Returns of. Comments on.		
	268.	June 27. Audience question. History of the proceedings and discussions on question. Audience to take place on 29th.		

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269. July 3. Medical report of the treaty-ports.

270. July 5. Foreign trade. Report of, at treaty-ports.

271. July 10. Audience question. Reception of the diplomatic representatives by the Emperor. Detailed account of it.

272. July 11. Contingent expenses of the legation.

273. July 19. Audience question. Services of Charles Bismarck as Chinese translator. Incloses letter of thanks from diplomatic corps. Suggests that United States Government tender thanks officially to Mr. Bismarck.

274. July 14. Japanese embassy. Departure of, from China. Success of the embassy.

275. July 17. Nos. 131 to 134 received.

276. July 19. Diplomatic relations between China and Peru. China declines to negotiate a treaty with Peru.

277. July 22. Protestant missionaries in China. Incloses letter of thanks for protection afforded by United States minister.

278. Aug. 8. Leave. Expects to depart on 27th. Mr. Williams has been put in charge.

S. WELLS WILLIAMS, charge .... Aug. 14. Audience question. Incloses official account of the reception of foreign ministers, as signed by them.

.... Aug. 14. Same subject. Account of the ceremonies.

1. Aug. 25. Assumed charge of legation July 24. The Mohammedan rebellion dying out.

2. Aug. 26. Chinese in Ecuador. Refers to Department's No. 132 relative to petition for their relief. The original petition in Chinese should have been sent. Explains difficulty in using translation. Will await instructions.

3. Aug. 27. Tea-trade. Price of tea.

4. Sept. 13. Wilkes's Expedition, volume 23, received. Acknowledges Nos. 135, 136, 140, and 141.

5. Sept. 26. Wilkes's Expedition, volume 23, delivered to Chinese government.

6. Oct. 10. Venus. Transit of. Conditions upon which Chinese government will allow instruments to be landed.

7. Nov. 1. Tien-Tsin. Commission of vice-consul at, forwarded. Acknowledges Nos. 142 to 149.

8. Nov. 6. Coolies. Emigration of, to Cuba. Discussion of the subject between Chinese officials, Spanish charge, and foreign ministers. Protocol offered by Spanish charge and declined by China. Appointment of commission to proceed to Cuba, and inquire into the condition of the coolies. China objects to have Spanish officials on commission. Spanish charge suspends diplomatic intercourse.

9. Nov. 17. Medical reports of treaty-ports inclosed.

.... Nov. 13. Treaty volume not received.

10. Nov. 18. Floods in Manchuria and consequent distress. Brigandage. Attack on Mr. Tainter. Success of government in maintaining order.

11. Nov. 20. Coolie-trade. Progress of the negotiations of the Peruvian envoy. Arguments used in favor of the emigration of Chinese laborers. Article in proposed treaty with Japan involving employment of Japanese laborers in Peru. Refusal of Prince Kung to conclude a treaty with Peru. Mr. Garcia's arrival at Tien-Tsin, and his unfriendly reception by the governor of the province.

12. Nov. 24. Coolies. Refers to his No. 9. Spanish charge resumes relations with China. Protocol signed defining the status of the commission to Cuba to ascertain the condition of the Chinese coolies. Their report to be submitted to the arbitration of the ministers of Great Britain, France, United States, and Germany in China. Acceptance on the part of United States.

13. Nov. 28. Chinese indemnity. Legal claim of the Chinese government to the surplus considered. Prior right of four rejected applicants, whose claims were shut out by the act of Congress, over that of China. Propriety of considering them before offering the money to China.

FREDERICK F. LOW .... Dec. 6. Leave. Extension of, for ninety days requested.

.... Dec. 6. Cuba. Chinese commission to visit that island to investigate the alleged abuses of the coolies there. Requests that consul-general be instructed to aid them.

S. WELLS WILLIAMS, charge 14. Dec. 10. Leave of absence requested, to be availed of in the spring.

15. Dec. 12. Audience question. Appearance of a placard ridiculing the audience given to the foreign ministers. Chinese government proposes to punish the authors.

16. Dec. 24. Treaty volume, Nos. 150 and 151 and circular 45 received.

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S Wells Williams [redacted] 6 October 25. 1874	17	Jany 23	Mission House of the American Southern Presbyterian mission at Hangchow pawned by the gentry of that city	3/27
	18	" 26	Chinkiang. Charges preferred by the Entendant versus the Vice Consul. after an examination they are found to be without foundation	3/27
	19	Feb 9	Telegraph line in China. Great Northern Tel. Co. of Copenhagen, having established a station at Hiusung and extended their lines to Shanghai. Demand of Chinese Govt on Foreign ministers to have lines removed. Communication not replied to. Encm	4/28
	20	" 12	Subjugation of the city of Sueh chau, the last stronghold of the Mohammedan rebels. Its capture completes the reduction of all parts of China proper to imperial sway. Enc. report of the Commander in chief	4/28. 295
	21	" 24	Phil Exposition. China will cooperate & appt a Commission to oversee the articles sent to the exposition	4/28.
	22	Mch 10	Condition of affairs in China. Enc. printed translation of a pamphlet on the subject with remarks	5/5.
Frederick F. Low	—	" 28	Resignation of the position of E. E. & M. P. to China	4/6.
S Wells Williams	23	" 25	Tientsin massacre. Sale of pictures in the street of Tientsin representing the same. Subject brought to attention of Govt as dangerous to liberty. — measures adopted to suppress their sale	5/26.
	24	" 26	152 – 154 "Virginius" document received	5/26
	25	" 30	Corea, change in Govt of, by the removal of the usurper who has ruled during the past 15 years, Assumption of power by the king. The new regime is said to be favorable to foreigners & to christianity	5/26.
	—	" 31	Audience Question. Enc. Chinese Account of same as translated by British Minister	5/26.
	26	April 15	Phil Exposition. Asks if Govt will assist Americans in China in sending articles for exhibition	4/28
Benjamin Parke Avery	—	" 25	Accepts appointment of E. E. & M. P. Has been in New York	5/5.
S. Wells Williams	27	" 28	Trade statistics containing an elaborate & accurate digest of the trade bet. China & other countries enclosed	4/28
Commissioned E. E. & M. P. April 10. 1874 In charge of legation Oct. 26. 1874 Presented Credentials Nov. 29. 1874	28	" 28	Chinkiang. Charge of malfeasance against Consul Flint by his Vice Consul. Charges withdrawn, which forestalls a formal investigation Col Flint takes a leave of absence & transfers the office to A. E. Salter	4/28.
	29	May 7	Canton. Charges against Consul Jewell. Reasons for granting him a leave of absence. Approves action of Hon. Genl Seward. Requests — instructions as to vesting Legation with authority to suspend Consular officers. Need of trained assistant & interpreter in the Consulate	7/6.
	30	" 12	Signal code of U. S. presented to China. Intention of that government to translate the same with a view to its adoption by China	7/6.
	31	" 15	155 - 157 & Circ. 47 & 53. & Signal Code received	7/6
	32	" 21	Audience Question. Audience granted by the Emperor to Russian Minister to enable him to present letter of credence. Account of reception	7/20. 23
Benjamin P. Avery	—	" 22	Ack Commission. Enc. oath. Will leave for post in a few days	6/1.
S Wells Williams	33	" 26	Formosa. Expedition of Japan against. China claims jurisdiction over the island. Action of China on learning the intended move on Formosa. That Govt complains of infraction of treaty by American assisting the Japanese	7/20. 30
	34	" 29	Americans employed in the military & diplomatic service of China & Japan. Conversation with Chinese officials, alleged infraction of Article I of treaty of Tientsin in allowing Americans to help Japan in Formosa expedition. Decree of Mr Mc Lane of Dec. 5. 1854 conflict with allowing Americans to enter military service of China	7/18. 30
	35	" 30	Riot at Shanghai. Consul Genl Seward's prompt action. Report of his proceedings, narrative of the events. memorial of the Kingpo Guild proposing the arrangement of disputes with the Consular Council. Bad influence of this riot throughout the country. some unusual features of it	7/20. 30
	—	" 16	Trade Statistics enclosed to be annexed to his No 27	

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S Wells Williams	36	June 1	Light Houses in China. Encl list of consulates to accord with assessments	d/c. D
	37	" 9	Mission Homes of the American Presbyterian mission. Refers to his 17 and 200. despatch from Consul Lord stating that the difficulty is settled	d/c. D
	38	" 11	Passports for foreigners going to Peking. Chinese Govt require that the number of servants & the amount of baggage should be stated therein. Encl. correspondence. Such regulation would prove very annoying	d/c. D
	39	" 15	Formosa expedition. Further action of the Chinese. Appointment of an Imperial Commissioner to visit Formosa. Order sent to Consul at Amoy to warn the two American officers to leave the expedition. Chinese Govt informed of same. Moral effect of their employment in such post bad for the reputation of the United States. (See 40)	d/c. 8/26 D
	40	" 24	Formosa expedition. Interview with Chinese officials respecting the same. Discussion respecting the 1st Article of the treaty of 1858. Misapprehension of and their views, withdrawal of two notes (forwarded in 39). Mission of Jung Wing to Yeddo. Prince Kung requests that Lt Cassel and the steamer Shaftsbury may be withdrawn from the force now in Formosa	d/7 D
Benjamin P. Avery	—	" 24	Sails from San Francisco for post July 11. Advice of draft	7/3 D
S Wells Williams	41	" 27	Formosa. Japanese expedition against. Encl despatch from Intendant of Amoy to U.S. Consul commenting on the action of Japan and protesting against Americans being engaged in their service	d/1.7 D
	42	" 29	158-162 Circulars received	7/4 D
	43	" 30	Customs collections made at each port of China to exhibit at the Vienna Exhibition. Comments on its great value as a work of reference as to the products of China	d/1.2 D
	44	July 7	Attack made by the people of Chinni on an American missionary Rev H. Corbett residing there. Encl paper giving full report of the matter and also the proceedings on the trial	7/1.2 D
	45	" 13	Venus transit &c. No doubt of his ability to obtain facilities for its observation	d/21. D
	46	" 20	Wooseung Bar near Shanghai and the efforts made by the Legations to induce the Chinese authorities to dredge it so as to allow the mail steamers & other large ships to pass at high tide. Encl. correspondence & report	d/21. D
	47	" 22	Trade Returns at the Treaty ports enclosed with comments	d/21 D
	48	" 23	Proxy voting at meeting of ratepayers at Shanghai & the encroachment of Chinese tax collectors on the Foreign settlement. Encl. two printed letters on those subjects	d/12 D
	49	" 25	Peruvian Mission to China. Gives history of the negotiations, matter in controversy, intentions of Peru towards Chinese coolies. Encl. copy of treaty as signed. Cessation of Coolie trade at Macao	10/12 D
	50	Aug 1	Trade Returns at Treaty ports enclosed with comments	10/12 D
	51	" 3	Formosa Expedition. Prince Kung's satisfaction with action of U.S. Consul at Amoy since notification of American officers employed in the expedition. Refusal of Messrs Cassel & Wasson to withdraw. Question about recalling writs of arrest until declaration of war	10/12 D
	52	" 7	Accounts	10/12 D
	53	" 11	Chinese students. Third instalment of 30 sent to U.S. to be educated. Encl list of.	10/12 D
Benjamin P. Avery	—	" 12	Sails from San Francisco on the 18th. Sickness the cause of delay	10/20 D
S Wells Williams	54	" 15	Extradition of one Wm Jackson an American demanded of U.S. Consul at Shanghai by Gov. of Hong Kong on a charge of piracy on Br. ship on High Seas. Question as to jurisdiction of U.S. Consul held over such cases under treaty bet. U.S. & Great Britain.	10/12
	55	" 22	Formosa Expedition. Correspondence bet. China & Japan enclosed. Prince Kung's summary of the acts of his Govt — resumé of the grievances of the Japanese Govt. assertion of Japanese Envoy that the expedition was tacitly allowed by China. Denial of any such consent	10/12 D
	56	" 24	163-166 received. Consuls have been instructed respecting leaves of absence	10/12 D
	—	" 17	Peruvian treaty with China. Encl copy & Spanish original & U.S. [illegible]	[illegible]

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S. Wells Williams	57	Sept 3	Formosa expedition. Arrest of Genl Le Gendre for alleged violation of neutrality act and his discharge. Protest of Japanese Consul at Amoy & reply to it by U.S. Consul. Genl Le Gendre's protest analyzed &c	10/27 D
	58	" 15	Extradition of criminals by U.S. consuls. Encs further correspondence in the Walter Jackson case, giving full particulars. Requests definite instructions as regards the application in China of Extradition Treaties bet US. and Foreign Powers.	11/6 D
	59	" 16	Canton, Hankow, Tamsui & Takow. Commissions have been forwarded to Messrs Cogwell, Fitz, Cass & Thompson. 167-172 received.	11/6 D
	60	" 17	Prince Kung's degradation removed by a Decree of the Empress the day following the issuance of edict of degradation. Supposed cause of the Prince's degradation. Comments upon the reversion of it.	11/6 D
		" 17	Foreign Relations. Rel to despatches for publication.	11/16.
	61	" 30	Wreck of the Bark "Scotland" at Swatow. Examination of the wreck by divers. Loss of all on board.	12/8 D
	62	Oct 2	Extradition of Wang Yen-ping an enthusiast now visiting the Western World & representing himself as a special commissioner of Chinese Govt, applied for. U.S. Chargé — declines forwarding the application, as charge against the man is not sufficient to warrant extradition.	12/5 D
	62	" 3	Leave of absence requested. Could not avail himself of leave granted in Dept's 156 on account of Ministers not having reached his post.	12/9 D
	64	" 5	Medical Statistics. Encs two medical Reports	12/5 D
	65	" 10	Extradition of Wang Yen-ping re-applied for, on the ground that article 15. of the treaty provides for the surrender of criminals, who may take refuge in the houses or ships of Americans.	12/5 D
	66	" 12	173-177 & circulars received	12/5 D
	67	" 13	Passports. Requests to issue them free to missionaries visiting the interior of China in as much as such an issue, in Chinese language, is necessary, and is in fact only a reissuance of the passports which have been obtained in the US. Requests blank forms.	12/5 D
	68	" 15	News papers for Legation. Designates semi weekly Boston Journal & N.Y. Times	12/5 D
	69	" 28	Case of J. J. Haliday a pilot in the Chinese service charged with an assault who is punished by the Consul at Newchwang and in consequence is suspended as a pilot by the Harbor master. Consul overrides the suspension. Subject submitted to minister who reverses the decision. Encs. correspondence	12/26.
Benjamin P. Avery	1	" 30	Arrival Peking on the 28th. No delay will be experienced in his presentation	12/26. D
	2	Nov 2	Ningpo. Commends the retention of Edward B. Lord as Consul	12/26 D
S. Wells William	70	Oct 29	Formosa. Negotiations bet. China & Japan, rupture bet the negotiators. Mr. Wade's success in inducing them to resume negotiations. Genl Le Gendre's departure from Peking — his position & influence & the pamphlet he issued on Formosa. Negotiations ended by China agreeing to pay an indemnity to Japanese who are to withdraw their forces from the island	1/28. D
Benjamin P. Avery	3	Nov 5	Formosa. Dispute bet. China & Japan amicably arranged. Points of discussion agency of British Minister in settling them. China to pay an indemnity. her right to Formosa acknowledged. Interview with Vice Roy of Chekiang, his desire to have the U.S. act as umpire. he asks about Chinese in America. Suggests to him the importance of having a Consul at San Francisco. His hesitation in introducing improvement in China	1/28. 2/15 D
	4	" 6	Swatow. Commends the services of J.B.A. Wingate as Consul. Hopes he will be retained in the service	12/30
	5	" 9	178-181 received	12/30 D
	6	" 12	Formosa. Enc. note from Prince Kung giving terms of agreement entered into bet. China & Japan	1/28. D
	7	" 12	Railroads & telegraphs in China. Effort making for their introduction. Building of a R.R. bet. Shanghai & Woosung Bar. & Telegraph line bet. Foochow & Pagoda Anchorage. Unsuccessful effort to obtain permit for a line from Ningpo to Hangchow	1/28. D
S. Wells Williams		" 19	Foreign Relations. Designates the despatches he desires to have published	1/28.

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Benjamin P. Avery	8	Nov 20	182-187 received	1/22 D
	9	" 22	West Point Academy. Advisability to permit Chinese to enter the acad. Vicinity of Scientific aids of the acad. be admitted	1/24 D
	10	Dec 3	Telegraphic lines in China. Efforts made by the Northern Telegraph Co for the construction of the Amoy line	2/4 D
	11	" 4	Presentation of his credentials Nov 29. the first occasion on which a Minister from the U.S. has had an audience alone.	2/10 D
		" 9	Legation. Necessity of an appropriation to enable the U.S. to establish a building in China. Contingent expenses allowance for should be increased	2/10 D
	12	" 10	Introduction of machinery for working coal & iron mines. Gov. of Scientific has ordered machinery from England	2/24 D
	13	" 17	Attack made by the people of Chinese on an American Missionary residing there Dr H Corbett. Enc. letter from a British Missionary showing the good results of the settlement of the difficulty by U.S. Consul at Chefoo	2/24 D
	14	" 19	188-191 received	2/24 D
	15	" 20	Telegraph cables on the China coast. Arrival of Danish Minister. He invites joint action on the part of Foreign representatives to induce China to protect the cables. Enc. protocol of agreement of line of procedure entered into by diplomatic corps	2/24. 3/4 D
	16	" 21	Venus transit of. Gives the result of the observations at Peking	2/24. D
	17	" 22	Emperor's sickness. Enc decree delegating to the Empress Dowager the temporary direction of affairs	2/24. D
	18	" 23	Phil° Exposition. China has turned over the direction of affairs to the Customs authorities. Gives action of Legation in bringing the matter to the attention of the Chinese. Requests an extension of time for China to appt. delegates	2/24. D
1875	19	Jany 2	192-195 received	2/27 D
	20	" 5	Danish interest placed in temporary charge of U.S. Consul at Foochow	2/27 D
	21	" 6	Emperor's sickness attributed to the transit of Venus. Ceremonies attending his coronation. Pardoning of criminals. Elevation of rank of officials. Establishment of a regency	2/27 D
	22	" 13	Light Houses in Europe. Requests 6 copies of report made by Major Elliott for presentation to Chinese Customs Inspector. Progress made in establishing light houses in China	4/2 D
	23	" 27	Death of the Emperor on the 12th. Review of the late reign - Adoption of Tai-tien, son of the 7th Prince, as his heir - Empress Dowagers constituted Regents during his minority. Valedictory of the late Emperor. Decrees and mandates as to the succession, title of new reign, public mourning &c. Character of the Govt. Enc. correspondence, decrees & mandates.	4/2 D
	24	" 27	196-198 received	4/2 D
	25	" 27	Telegraph Cables on the China coast. Refers to his 15 and encloses note to Prince Kung asking protection & the reply of the Prince. Governors of the provinces have been instructed to consider measures for the protection of the cables. Land lines bet. Foochow & Amoy, action of Chinese official as to	4/2 D
	26	Feb 4	Coolie trade. Introduction of coolies into Cuba from Peru. Reply to 199. Return of Chinese Comr. who was sent to Cuba to examine into condition of the coolies - his report is a chapter of horrors to Commission has yet been sent to Peru, but rumor says that Yung Wing has gone there on a second mission. Intention of China to suspend the treaty with Spain. Peruvian treaty not to be ratified by Peru until action is had on Spanish treaty by China. Consuls instructed to examine into the exportation of Chinese	4/6. 10 D
	27	" 7	Telegraph Cables on the China coast. Refers to his No 25. & encs. protocol signed by the Diplomatic Corps including the identical note sent to Foreign Office in reply to Prince Kung's note concerning protection to cables, also enc. instructions addressed to Consuls of U.S. requesting them to use their influence with Governors of Provinces	4/6 D
	28	" 10	Phil° Exposition. Inspector Genl. of Customs issues a circular to the Commissioners at the ports directing them to aid in preparing a customs collection for exhibition. Enc.	4/6 D

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Benjamin P. Avery	29	Feb. 17	Audience Question. Danish Minister refused permission to deliver his letter of credence in person to the Emperor owing to the latter's youth. Encl. correspondence. Mr Avery requests fresh credentials to be presented or not as his colleagues may determine. Requests instruction	5/pt 30 d
	"	" 10	Account	5/1 d
	30	" 19	Coal mines of China. Efforts made by Governor of Pekili to work the mines in that province. Advantages to be derived	5/1 d
	31	" 23	Phil' Exposition. Provincial authorities have issued proclamations to the people announcing the intended action of the Govt in its favor. Encl. copy of the regulations printed in English & Chinese for distribution by U.S. Consuls	5/1 d
	32	" 25	Missionary question. Refers to despatch No 56 dated March 20. 1871 enclosing a memorandum from the Chinese Govt. which was promptly answered by the Diplomatic Corps and now encloses reply of that Govt to the rejoinder from the French Minister which appears to be an attempt to reopen the question.	5/1 d
	33	March 5	Telegraph Cables on the Chinese coast. Mob attack on the Foochow - Amoy line. It is believed to have been officially ordered. Remonstrance of Danish Minister. China agrees to indemnify the Danish Co and to buy the lines. Chinese Govt thought to contemplate building and to maintain telegraphs. Encl. correspondence.	5/1 d
	34	" 6	Trade reports of China transmitted	5/1
	35	" 9	Passports. Encl. list of issued by the Legation. Will comply in the future with No 201	5/7 d
	36	" 10	Consular Regulations 200-214 received	5/7 d
	37	" 12	3-6 received	5/7 d
	38	" 17	Trade & Medical reports of China transmitted	5/7 d
	39	" 18	Telegraph Cable near Ningpo; part of it stolen, offender arrested & punished upon the representation of U.S. Consul. Railroad near Shanghai; workmen attacked by a mob, cause not connected with the road, the matter adjusted & the work proceeded in peace	5/7 d
	40	" 19	Telegraph Cables on the China coast. A narrative giving an account of its reception, progress, interruption, and partial destruction of the lines. Encl. documentary evidence on the subject. Russian Consul was instrumental in bringing about the opposition of the Chinese Govt to the lines	5/7 d
	41	" 21	Law Books for Consulates. Supports the suggestion of Com. Kent Seward that certain law Books be sent to consulates in China	5/25. 6/9 d
	42	" 27	Phil' Exposition. Plans &c have been delivered to Chinese Govt. Steps taken to encourage the scheme	5/25 d
	43	" 29	Emperor enthroned on the 25th. Death of the consort of the late Emperor on the 26th. Convocation of a Grand Council of Chinese Nobles. Significance of the meeting	5/25 d
	44	" 30	Custom Regulations of Tien Tsin. Customs authorities issues a new regulation, causing a stoppage of trade of the port. It was afterwards worked on the protest of the U.S. Consul. Encl. correspondence &c.	5/25 d
	45	" 31	Coolies in Cuba. Treatment of. Report of the Chinese investigating committee. Five treaty powers mediate bet. Spain & China for a convention bet those countries whereby illicit coolie trade would be prevented & redress for abuses of coolies could be obtained. China will not accept the convention as it does not stipulate sufficient redress for maltreatment of chinese in Cuba: Correspondence enclosed. Five treaty powers withdraw their mediation on account of the murder of a British subject by Chinese.	6/9 d
	46	April 1	Massacre of Mr Margary, a British officer, and suite by Chinese soldiers in Yunnan. Memorandum of, enclosed. Investigation of the matter to be instituted by China at which British officers will be permitted to assist. This permission is considered a precedent. Punishment will be inflicted only on the really guilty parties. Refers to 45.	5/25 d

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Benjamin P. Avery	47	April 8	Lew Chew Islands. Embassy from the islands, bearing tribute to China, now at Peking. Protest of Japanese minister. 315 reception by China considered as disloyalty on the part of the Lew Chewans to Japan. Exc. mem. of Japanese minister. Subject has been referred to his Govt.	6/17. D
	48	" 9	German minister proposes to revise the treaty bet Germany & China. One of the omissions to be made is China is the stoppage of the opium trade. US minister views the proposed revision favorably & urges US to support it.	6/17 D
	49	" 11	Military & naval schools of US. Admission of Chinese into would prove advantageous both to the US & China. Ref of ref received	6/17
	50	" 29	Dictionary of the Chinese language compiled by S. Wells Williams. Commendation of the work. Departure of Mr. Williams for the US. Reference made to a translation of the Old Testament into Chinese by a naturalized US citizen. Mr. C. Holcombe performs duties of Sec'y of Leg'n during Mr. Williams's absence.	6/17 D
	51	May 7	Revised Statutes, Code list. Circ of Mar. 15 & " 15-24 received	7/9 D
	52	" 12	Massacre of Mr. Margary, a British Officer, and suite in Yunnan. Newspaper extracts giving additional particulars of, enclosed. King of Burmah suspected of complicity in the massacre. Steps taken to investigate the case. China's policy towards her outlying territory. A Burmese embassy en route to Peking. Speculations as to its object	7/9 D
	53	" 14	Telegraph cables in China. States that his efforts in behalf of Danish project were not intended to secure protection for any one company in particular. Refers to his #33 & states that China has purchased the Foochow Amoy land-telegraph. Terms of the purchase. Reply to #18. Denmark succeeds in getting China to protect cable	7/9 D
	54	" 15	Centennial Ex. China informed of date of its opening & closing. No doubt but that China will be creditably represented. Christian Missionaries will make an exhibit. Pacific M.S.S. Co will transport passengers & goods at half rates. If goods, that might be sold during or after the Ex, could be exempted from duties, the display of them would be increased.	7/9 D
	55	" 17	Trade at the Treaty ports in China. Reports of, enclosed. Comparison of the amount of the trade enjoyed by Gt Britain, China and the US. Increase of trade during last ten years.	7/9 D
	56	" 19	Canton. Leave of absence granted to consul at, subject to Dept's approval.	7/9 D
	57	" 28	Educational systems of China & their relation to the failure of Chinese civilization. Letter for Com'r of Education enclosed.	7/24
	58	" 30	Foo-Chow Islands. Their political status. Japan intends to assume complete jurisdiction over them & make them an integral part of the Japanese Empire. Refers to his #47.	7/24
	59	" 31	Medical reports of the customs surgeons at the treaty ports. Copies of, enc'd	7/24 D
	60	" 31	Legation Building. Full report will be made as to the rental of. Reply to #21	7/24 D
	61	June 1	Missionary question. Minister of opinion that Amer. missionaries who have located themselves beyond treaty port limits are entitled to the protection of the US and that if they transgress laws they should be dealt with by US. consuls. Instructions requested as to course he should pursue in case China should order all missionaries from the interior of China & not permit them to establish missions beyond the treaty port limits. France would oppose such action on the part of China. Instruction to consul at Foo Chow enclosed.	7/24 D
	62	" 21	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite in Yunnan. Gov't of Yunnan has appointed an able officer to assist in its investigation. British Com'rs have not yet started for Yunnan	7/24 D

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Benjamin P. Avery	63	June 11	Missionary question. Refers to his No 61 and enc. correspondence with Consul at Hankow on the subject	8/9 D
	64	" 12	Emigration laws of U.S. Information as to requested by China. Enc. correspondence	8/9. 12 D
	65	" 13	Carrying trade of China. Great increase in. China gives low rates to the carrying of the tribute rice at an exorbitant rate, and further allows a rebate of duties on goods carried in Chinese ships. Complaint of Foreign ship-owners at this discrimination	8/9.
	66	" 14	Swedish Consul Stanley visit to Peking. He has an interview at the Foreign Office & exchange of ratifications of treaty made in 1848 bet. Sweden & China consented to	8/9 D
	67	" 16 25. 32	received	8/9 D
	68	" 16	Telegraph lines in China. Enc. agreement bet. China & the Great Northern Tel. Co for the completion of the Foo Chow - Amoy line	8/9.
	—	" 23	Accounts. Enc. Physicians certificat of sickness	8/9.
	69	" 22	Massacre of Foreigners. Exhibition of a picture at a fair in the interior of Prov. of Chili representing the massacre of foreigners. Enc. protest of Consular officers at Tientsin & proclamation of the authorities directing the picture to be destroyed. Action of Consul Sheppard approved by Min.	8/12. D
	70	" 23	Trials bet citizens of U.S and Chinese. Right claimed by foreign Customs employés to exercise judicial functions as Chinese officers in conjunction with Consul. U.S Consul at Tientsin protests against such action. Protest supported by U.S Minister. Enc. correspondence	8/12. 16 D
	71	" 25	Telegraph lines in China. Enc note addressed to Diplomatic Corps by Daniel Minister urging the adoption of regulations for the protection of the lines. and also encloses copy of the reply of the Corps	8/12. D
	72	" 29	Shanghai. Leave granted to Consul Seward to visit Japan subject to approval of Dept.	8/13. D
	73	July 7	Coolies in Cuba. Mediation of five treaty powers for a convention bet Spain & China, in regard to coolies, withdrawn, it being considered useless in view of the fact that neither Spain nor China will make sufficient concessions to one another to enable them to agree upon a convention. Gives account of the negotiations bet Spain & China & of the action of the mediators. Correspondence enclosed. Refers to his "45	9/10 D
	74	" 9	Coolies in Cuba. Desires that the US. use its influence to induce Spain to accept China's project of a convention for the amelioration of their condition.	9/10
	75	" 10	Canton. Appointment of F.R. Talbot as V. Cons. at, subject to Dept's approval.	9/10 D
	76	" 10	Consular Agents have been instructed not to entitle themselves V. Consuls as they have been doing.	9/10 D
	77	" 13	Disturbances in mining of Shingking (Manchuria). Steps taken by China to quell them.	9/10 D
	78	" 16	Diplomatic & Consular representatives to be sent abroad by China. Favorable results expected from this action of China. Progressive movements in regard to Education likely to be made by China.	9/10 D
	79	" 18	Assaults upon missionaries at Shui Chang brought to the attention of China. Stringent orders for enquiry into the facts & for settlement of the cases have been issued by China. An assault upon a missionary at Kin Kiang was promptly redressed without the intervention of the legation	9/10 D
	80	" 19	Chin Kiang. Consul at, & wife insulted by Chinese soldiers. Perpetrators of the insult have been punished. Generous conduct of British Consular officer towards U.S. consul. Commendation of U.S. Cons. Genl. & Cons. at Chin Kiang. Particulars of the affair enclosed. China offered to [illegible]	7/15 D

FROM WHOM.	No.	DATE. 1875	SUBJECT.	WHEN ANSWERED.
Benjamin P. Avery	81	July 1	Attacks upon foreigners at Peking which have recently been made do not indicate that the Chinese are hostile to foreigners. As however such attacks are always liable to occur he suggests that the number of U.S. ships of war in Chinese waters be increased in order that U.S. citizens may have a place of refuge in the event of any serious disturbance.	9/10 d
	"	"	Accounts	9/15 d
	82	" 31	33-38, Reports of Apl 12 May 1 & May 12 Statistical atlas of the U.S. etc rec'd.	9/15 d
	83	" 31	Foreign Relations. Designation of despatches for publication inc.	9/15 d
	84	Aug 4	Medical Reports of the Customs Surgeons at the Treaty Ports enclosed	9/15 d
	85	" 7	Massacre of Mr Margary, a British officer, and suit in Yunnan. It is rumored that British Minister has fresh instructions including a stringent ultimatum. Chinese Govt has appt a high official to proceed to Yunnan	
			Increase of U.S. naval force in Chinese waters suggested	10/7
	86	" 10	Legation Buildings. Has failed to secure the construction of new building. Encl. plan of premises owned by D. Williams, and advises their lease at a rental not to exceed $2500. Chin estimates if needed repairs	10/7 d
	87	" 11	Light house notice enclosed	10/7 d
	88	" 13	39-43 received	10/7 d
	89	" 16	Trade report from Chinese Customs for 1874 enclosed	10/7 d
	90	" 17	Japanese Commission to China for the purpose of inspecting the operations of Agriculture, War, Customs Revenue, and Internal Affairs. Arrival of the commission. Comments on its character	10/7
	91	" 18	Missionary question. Refers to his 79 and incloses a proclamation issued by the authorities of Fuhkien province setting forth the rights of foreign missionaries & native converts	10/7 d
	92	" 23	Attack upon foreigners at Peking. Encl proclamation issued by the Chinese authorities forbidding such outrages	10/20 d
	93	" 31	Audience Question. Foreign Representatives without positive instructions will not feel disposed to take any immediate steps towards its solution	10/20 d
	94	Sept 1	Attack upon foreigners at Peking. Encl. additional proclamation issued by the Chinese authorities which states that foreigners have a right under treaty to travel in the interior, and warns people not to molest them	10/20 d
	95	" 1	Coolies in Peru. Ratifications of the treaty bet Peru & China for the amelioration of their condition exchanged. China at first was not disposed to exchange ratifications, but was persuaded to do so by the Foreign ministers. Report of the circumstances attending the exchange enclosed.	10/26 d
	96	" 3	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite. Has been informed that the affair has been settled bet. China & the British Min. China makes various concessions to Gt. Britain the most important of which is the opening of a trade route in Western China. China has appointed two high officials as her ministers to Gt. Britain. British Min. conducted his negotiations with the utmost secrecy.	10/26 d
	97	" 4	Money found on bodies of Chinese who lost their lives by the burning of the P.M.S.S. "America" in 1872. Distribution of, has been made among relatives of deceased & charitable institutions. The amount given to these institutions was a balance for which there were no lawful claimants. Desires to convey thanks of Dept to Dr. Kerr who made the distribution	11/9 d
	98	" 7	Corea & Japan. Relations between. Japanese embassy to Corea denied audience with the King on account of their dress which is that of western nations. Japan desires to cultivate friendly relations with Corea.	11/9 d
	99	" 11	Education of Chinese in America gives satisfaction to the authorities in China. Thirty students whose ages range from 10 to 15 yrs will be sent to U.S. in October	11/9 d

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE.	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
		1875		
Benjamin P. Avery	100	Sept. 11	Trade returns at the Treaty ports for the quarter ending June 30 1875. Customs Gazette containing them transmitted.	11/9
	101	" 16	44-50 received.	11/9 d
	102	" 17	Massacre of Mr. Margary by cuite by Chinese at Yunnan. The case has not yet been settled. Refers to his #96. A Chinese Embassy is to be sent to England. British Min: preparing to withdraw his legation from Peking in the event of negotiations with China upon the massacre question failing. Possibility of War bet. China & Gt Britain. Suggests that the naval force of the US. in Chinese waters be increased.	11/9 d
	103	" 29	Coolies in Peru. Detailed statement of negotiations bet Peru & China respecting the exchange of ratifications of the treaty concluded bet them for the amelioration of the condition of, received from Peruvian Chargé, enclosed. Curious episode in the history of diplomacy in China. Peruvian chargé made a concession to China which he need not have done if he had availed himself of the support given him by his colleagues. Note to Peruvian Chargé congratulating him upon the result of the negotiations enclosed. Refers to his #95.	11/27 d
	104	Oct. 1	51-56 & separate of July 30 received.	11/27 d
	105	" 1	Newspapers for Legation. Requests that semi weekly issues of the N.Y. Times & Evening Post be sent & that the Boston Journal be discontinued.	11/27 d
	106	" 1	Expenses of Legation. Allowance for is inadequate. Accounts enclosed. Explains item therein for binding. Advice of draft.	11/27 d
	107	" 6	Audience question. New credentials received. German & Russian Ministers have received new credentials. He & his colleagues have thought best not to urge the presentation of new credentials to the Emperor at present owing to the difficulty bet. China & Gt Britain respecting the Margary massacre. Thinks that Min for For. Affs. should be informed that he & his colleagues have received new credentials but will withhold the presentation of them to the Emperor for the present.	12/14 d
	108	" 12	57-65 received.	12/14 d
	109	" 20	Massacre of Margary cuite by Chinese at Yunnan. Case not yet settled but is to be investigated. British Min. in his negotiations on the subject with China adduced subject of common interest to all foreign Governments without consulting his colleagues. China informed by U.S. Minister & other foreign reps. that steps affecting the interest of all the legations should not be taken without being made the subject of previous consultation with all those legations concerned in them. States what concessions China has made to Gt. Britain.	12/27 d
	110	" 25	Consular Agents. Asks if they can act judicially. Min. of opinion that they can. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai & Cons at Amoy think they cannot. Correspondence enclosed.	12/27 1/18 d
	111	" 26	Corea & Japan. A Japanese gunboat fired on from a Corean fort. The fort destroyed by Japanese.	12/27 d
	112	" 28	Marine notices enclosed.	12/27 d
	113	" 28	Visit of U.S. army officers to Peking. They were cordially received by Chinese officials. Memorandum of their interviews with Chinese officials enclosed. Recommends that Chinese be admitted into the Military Academy of the U.S. Ordnance reports of U.S. requested for China.	1/5 d
	114	" 29	Ningpo. Leave of absence granted to Mr. Churchill V. Cons at. J.R. Goddard authorized to act as V. Cons. during Mr. Churchill's absence	12/27 d

FROM WHOM.	No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.	DESPATCH AND RECEIPT.
		1875		
Benjamin P. Avery.	110	Nov 2	Centennial Ex. Necessary funds will be appropriated by China for representation at. Expects soon to be informed of the character & extent of representation which will be made by China. Protestant Missionaries are preparing to exhibit at the Centennial Ex. Catholic Missionaries are not preparing. Refers to his "25 & 54. Reply to separate of July 30.	12/27
Chester Holcombe. Acting Sec. of Leg'n.	No. 2 Tel.	Nov 8	Death of Minister Avery on 8th of Nov announced. Particulars by mail. Has assumed charge of legation. Awaits instructions.	
	2	" 10	Death of Minister Avery on 8th inst. Particulars of. Loss of Mr. Avery regretted by China. Commendation of late minister. Tributes of China to his memory. Letter of condolence from German minister enclosed.	11/5 D
	3	" 10	Remains of late minister are to be removed to the U.S. for interment. Desires authority to draw upon Dept. for expenses of removing the remains which will be about $2400.	1/5
	4	" 13	Trade at the Treaty ports. Reports of, transmitted.	1/5 D
S. Wells Williams. Secretary & Interpreter of Leg'n.	—	Oct 14	Leave of absence. Extension of, desired. Calls attention to there being no provision on the part of the Govt. to pay for services of an interpreter at Peking during his absence. Informs Dept. of arrangement made with Mr. Holcombe for performance of his duties while on leave. This arrangement works a hardship upon him. Desires to know what can be done to relieve him.	
1876	—	Jany. 8	Leave of absence. Compensation of interpreter at Peking during his absence. Will be at Dept. on 11th inst to obtain full information on the subject. Proposition in Dept's note of 3rd inst seems favorable to him. Defers expressing further views in regard to the proposition until he reaches Dept.	1/10 D
	—	" 18	Compensation while on an extended leave of absence. Desires to know what arrangement can be made for his.	1/15 D & E.
	—	" 26	Leave of absence. Extension of, for 7 months from Oct. 23, 1875 requested.	1/26 D
Chester Holcombe.	1875 5	Nov. 26	Swatow & Chin Kiang. China will be notified of the appt.ment of W. O. Howland as V. Cons at former place, and of A. E. Salter as V. Dep. Cons. at latter place. The commissions of those gentlemen have been sent to them. Reply to #4. Nos. 66-76 received.	2/1 D
	6	" 29	New Chwang. Leave of absence has been granted to Cons. at, subject to Dept's approval. Consul's nomination of Frederick Bandinel as V. Cons. at New. Chwang approved.	2/1 D
	7	Dec. 1	Customs Gazette. Two copies of it enclosed.	2/1 D
George F. Seward.	1	" 17	Chargé. Will assume duties as, on 1st proximo. Will remain at Shanghai until March 1, 1876 not being able to proceed to post at Peking before that time. Can employ intervening time to good advantage. Telegrams of 27th ult. & 15th inst. received.	2/2 D
Chester Holcombe	—	Nov. 3	Account of late Minister Avery for salary. enclosed.	2/9 D
	8	Dec. 7	Funeral obsequies of late Minister Avery. Remains left Peking for San Francisco on Nov. 16th U.S.S. "Monocacy" with remains on board left Tientsin Nov. 24, 1875. Honors paid to memory of deceased. Correspondence encl.	2/3 D
	9	" 10	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite by Chinese at Yunnan Report of Chinese Commission of Investigation not thought to be based on thorough knowledge of facts in the case. Emes edict based upon the report degrading one civil & one military officer.	2/3 D

Transmits the demands of G. Britain

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1875	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
Chester Holcombe	10	Dec. 13	Envoys from China to the US. Is unofficially informed that Chen Lan Pin & Yung Wing have been appointed as. Commendation of the appointees.	3/3 D
	11	" 15	77-79 received.	3/3 D
	12	" 15	Centennial Ex. Statement of extent of China's proposed representation at. It is desired that articles comprising the Chinese exhibit be set up together.	3/3 D
	13	" 18	Carrying trade of China. For. Reps. at Peking not disposed to move in the matter of China's discrimination in favor of Chinese vessels against foreign. Has so informed Mesprs Russell & Co & has communicated to them substance of Dept's 75.	3/3 D
	14	" 20	Envoys from China to the US. Encloses note from For. Office informing him of the appointment of Chen Lan Pin & Yung Wing as. They are also appointed as ministers to Spain & Peru, but their permanent mission shall be in Washington.	3/3 D
	15	" 24	Coolies in Cuba. Negotiations for a convention for the amelioration of their condition, bet. Spain & China, broken off. Refers to predecessor's 73 and encloses final papers in the negotiations.	3/3 D
	16	" 30	Chargé d'Affaires. Has informed For. Office & Dip. Corps that Mr. George F. Seward assumes duties as, on Jany. 1, 1876. Correspondence enclosed.	3/3 D
George F. Seward.	1876 2	Jany 7	Rent of Legation building at Peking. May not be able to carry out Dept's instruction 81 on the subject until he reaches Peking. Thinks that the landlord & not the Govt should pay expenses of repairs to Legation building. Preliminary steps taken in the matter.	3/3 D
	3	" 15	Amoy Consul at, has left his post without permission.	3/3
	4	" 15	Centennial Ex. Extent & character of China's proposed representation at. P.M.S.S. Co will carry freights at half rates & Railroads bet. San Francisco & Phila will carry Chinese goods free.	3/3 D
	5	" 15	E.E. & M.P. to China. Thanks for appointment as. Assumed duties as Minister on 12th inst. Does not think that ——— any difficulty in regard to his recognition will arise because of his not being at Peking.	3/3 D
	6	" 15	Consular matters. Minister at Peking should be well informed of. Encloses circular to Cons Officers requesting them to keep him informed in regard to political or other matters of public concern.	3/3 D
	7	" 29	Visit to Hong Kong for the benefit of his health. He may possibly visit Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.	3/7 D
	8	Feb. 1	Hankow. Charges against Consul at, not having been answered by Consul, Min. advises that he be superseded. Does not think it advisable to attempt to recover in China moneys misappropriated by Consul.	3/7 D
	9	" 1	Religious toleration throughout the prefecture of Ching-Chow-Fu. Proclamation of such toleration issued as a consequence to the settlement of cases of mob violence against native Christians. Despatch from Cons. at Swatow encl'd. - The consul satisfactorily settled the cases of ill treatment of Christians but should have kept the legation advised of the steps he was taking in the matter.	3/7 D

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George F. Seward.	10	Feby 1	Chargé d'Affaires. He has been recognized as.	3/7 D
	11	" 2	Railroad bet. Shanghai & Woosung. Has instructed H. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to endeavor in concert with his colleagues to secure the establishment of. by a British Company.	3/7 D
	12	" 2	Envoys to U.S. from China. Chen Lan Pin & Yung Wing appointed as.	3/7 D
	13	" 9	Coal supply in China. Information rel to. Mines to be worked Coal is to be found in the island of Saghalien.	3/23 D
	14	" 10	Hainan Island. Port to be opened to Foreign Commerce on. It is preferable that a port be opened on the mainland near the island. Intends to bring the subject forward on his arrival at Peking.	3/23 D
	15	" 12	Centennial Ex. Letter from For. Office naming the Chinese Commrs. enclosed. James Hart chief of the commission Exhibits of China are about ready for shipment.	3/23 D
	16	" 13	Japan & Corea. Danger of a rupture between them very slight. In the event of a war bet. them question will arise as to the propriety of issuing a proclamation of neutrality in China. Correspondence with U.S. Min. to Japan enclosed.	3/23 D
	17	" 14	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite at Yunnan. Gives names of Chinese & Br. Commrs appointed to investigate the matter. One Chinese official implicated in the massacre has been degraded & ordered to be tried. Movements of British troops & vessels. Gt. Britain determined to keep the peace with China. Abstract of preliminary statement of Chinese Comrs.	3/23 D
	18	" 25	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite at Yunnan. Reports of Chinese investigating commission encld. It appears from these reports that China did not take all reasonable care to protect Mr. Margary & suite. Comments on the situation. Purposes of England in sending Mr. Margary to Yunnan.	4/4 D
	19	" 25	Press laws. Regrets action of Br. Min. to Japan in prohibiting Br. subjects from publishing newspapers in Japanese language. Foreigners should be permitted to issue publications in China & Japan in the languages of those countries.	4/4 D
	20	" 25	Russian encroachment upon the Chinese province of Manchuria. Gives description of Manchuria & its resources. In order to perpetuate her sovereignty over the province China should construct a railway through it.	4/4 D
	21	" 29	Currency. China is devid of. U.S. trade dollar has not displaced the Mexican dollar & it may never come into extensive use. Wishes to persuade China to establish silver currency. Information concerning establishment & working of a mint requested.	4/5 D
	22	" 29	Envoys from China to the U.S. Their credentials made out in haughty terms. The Audience question might be raised in connection with the presentation of their credentials. It would be well to caution them against sending home inconsiderate reports. China should establish permanent representations in the U.S. Peru & Cuba.	4/4 D
	23	" 29	Social intercourse bet. Chinese officials & Foreign Reps. at Peking. Encloses letter from acting Sec. of Leg'n giving account of the New Year's reception accorded to For. Ministers in which for the first time all the high Chinese officials took part. Br. Min. brought about this concession on the part of Chi	4/11 D

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1876	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
George F. Seward	26	Mar. 11	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. Mission's property seized & destroyed. Correspondence with Cons. at Foochow enclosed. Application made to For. Office for redress.	4/26 D
	24	" 11	Hainan Island. Port which is proposed to be opened on the island is not accessible. Prospects of securing the opening of a port on the mainland instead not favorable. Refers to his #14.	4/26 D
	25	" 11	Envoy from China to the US., Chen Lan Pin, is at Hong Kong en route for Peking.	4/26 D
	27	" 11	Missionary cases. Encloses circular instruction to Consuls rel. to. He suggests that it would be well if missionaries would seek redress for injuries by direct appeals to the native magistrates.	4/26 D
	28	" 11	Delay in proceeding to post. He is stopping at Hong Kong for the benefit of his health. Hopes his accounts may be adjusted as if he were on leave.	4/26 D
	29	" 11	Recognition as E.E. & M.P. by China. Correspondence with For. Office encl'd. Expresses views as to policy which should be pursued towards China.	4/26 D
S. Wells Williams.	—	" 7	Interpreters for Consulates. Gives names of missionaries in China who are capable of acting as. Does not favor the employment of missionaries as interpreters. Leaves US. for post on 1st of Apl.	3/23 f.
Mrs B. P. Avery.	—	" 7	Relief desired. States that balances were due her husband, late Min. to China, at the time of his death on account of rent, salary, & contingencies.	3/18 f. m.
George F. Seward	30	" 20	Missionary trouble at Tientsin. Consul's non-interference in the matter approved. Has instructed Cons. to present case in a careful manner to the native magistrate It would be well if missionaries would manage their own cases whenever they have opportunity to do so	5/27 6/12 D
	31	" 21	Peru & China. Ratifications of treaty bet. exchanged. Peru desires Chinese immigration. Concessions made to China to accomplish this desire. Prospect of great emigration from China to Peru & other South Amer. States.	5/27 6/12 D
	32	" 21	Consular Agents. Will inform Consuls at Tientsin Hankow & Amoy that Cons. agents cannot exercise judicial functions. Reply to #10.	5/27 D
	33	" 22	Health improving. Expects to reach post May 1st	5/27 6/12 D
	34	" 22	Emigration statistics. Thinks there is no danger of an excessive emigration ——— of Chinese to the US.	5/27 6/15 D
	35	" 24	Mint. Establishment of, by China. Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai proposes to request For Reps. to urge China to establish a mint.	5/27 6/12 D
	36	Apl. 4	Tientsin. Provisional leave of absence granted Cons. at.	5/27 D
	37	" 4	Hainan Island. Port was opened there on Apl. 1 British Consular Officer designated for the port has departed for his post.	5/27 6/12 D
	38	" 7	1-16 received.	5/27 D
	39	" 10	Accounts. Asks what compensation will be allowed him from Jany. 1, in view of his not having yet reached post. States why he has been unable to reach his post.	5/27 D
	40	" 10	Oath of office enclosed.	5/27 D
	41	" 10	Departs from Shanghai for post on 12th inst. Health restored. Expects to reach Peking by 28th inst.	5/27 6/12 D

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George F. Seward.	42	Apl. 21	Arrival at post on 20th inst. announced. His health restored.	6/7 D
	43	" 21	Medical reports & Customs Gazette enclosed.	6/7 D.
	44	" 27	Tientsin. Resignation of Wm. N. Pethick V. Cons at, encld. Recommends that it be accepted.	6/19 D
	45	" 29	Viceroy of Chihli at Tientsin. Memoranda of interviews with, enclosed. Advantage to be derived from good relations with the Viceroy.	6/19 D
	46	" 29	Military Academy. Viceroy of Chihli renews request for admission of Chinese boys to. Has instructed Cons. at Tientsin to inform the Viceroy that law will not permit such admission but that the boys can be admitted to the Naval Academy.	6/19 D
	47	May 1	Newspapers for Legation. Designates N.Y. Herald, Alta California, and San Francisco Bulletin.	6/19 D
	48	" 1	Claims against Govts. Cannot obtain from China information as to her mode of adjudicating claims. States what has been the practice. Provincial authorities are largely independent of the central government, and enter into contracts on their own responsibility.	6/19 D
	49	" 2	Lease of legation premises executed at $3000 per annum. The proprietor, Dr. Williams, is obligated to expend $100 annually for repairs.	6/19 D
	50	" 2	Documents presented to the U.S. by the Emperor of China in 1869 are regarded as of great value. They number 630 volumes. Suggests what disposition should be made of them.	6/19 D
	51	" 3	Cipher requested for use of legation.	6/19
	52	" 3	Railway bet. Shanghai & Woosung. Local authority requests that work on it be stopped as foreigners have no right to build a railway without permission. Correspondence bet V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai & the Taotai enclosed. Min approves views of the V. Cons. Genl. to the effect that the railway would be beneficial to all & should meet with no serious objection from Chinese authority & that purchase of the land for the road was not effected under false pretense as alleged by the Taotai.	6/19 D
Chester Holcombe.	—	" 3	Chargé. Asks what compensation he is entitled to for services as, and if Dept. will meet expense of telegram announcing Mr. Avery's death.	6/19 D.
George F. Seward	53	" 4	Account for rent enclosed.	6/19 7/sD
	54	" 4	Audience question. Asks if he should — retain his credentials for the present & not transmit them to For. Office.	6/19
	55	" 4	Reception of Min. at For. Office on 24th ult. Mem. of conversation enclosed. Visits paid to Mr. Seward by Chinese Ministers.	6/19 D
	56	" 5	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite by Chinese at Yunnan. Results reached by British investigating Commission are unsatisfactory. Min. proposes to take no action in the matter unless invited.	6/19 D
	57	" 5	Social intercourse with Chinese officials. Refers to his "23. Has concluded to send cards to certain officials therein referred to.	6/19 D
	58	" 5	Claim of Germany vs. China for acts of piracy against the German schr. "Anna". Has conferred with German Min. but has declines to take action until furnished with papers in the case. His assistance may not be needed. Inexpediency of colonial cooperation when [illegible]	D

[illegible] finally comes only one Power.

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1876	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
George F Seward	—	Mar. 15	Corea. Desires to negotiate a treaty with, for the protection of shipwrecked persons & also a commercial convention. Would not however urge latter upon the Coreans as it would eventually result from the former.	6/19 D
	59	May 6	Social intercourse & taxation of foreign merchandise. Min. has declined to cooperate with his colleagues in pressing these questions pursuant to an invitation of the Br. Min. as they were to be associated with the subject of the massacre of Mr. Margary, a Br. subject, & suite at Yunnan. Refers to predecessor's 109.	7/5. 22 D
	60	" 6	Claim of Germany vs. China for acts of piracy against the German schr. "Anna". Min. has declined to cooperate with his colleagues in pressing it until furnished with papers in the case.	7/5 D.
	61	" 9	17-25 received.	7/5 D
	62	" 11	Account of predecessor for contingencies. No disbursements were made by his predecessor for contingencies. Expenses which were incurred by him will be charged in Min's account.	7/5 D.
	63	" 11	Money found on bodies of Chinese who lost their lives by burning of the P.M.S.S. "America" in 1872. Thanks of Dept. have been conveyed to J.G. Kerr of Canton for distribution of it. Reply to #84.	7/5 D
	64	" 12	Thanks of U.S. for honor & respect paid to memory of his predecessor have been conveyed to For. Reps. & For. Office.	7/5 D
	65	" 12	Consuls should furnish Minister with a copy of their registers of correspondence. Requests approval of his instruction to consuls to this effect. Refers to his #6.	7/5 7/25 D
	66	" 15	Shanghai. J.C. Myers recognized as Cons. Genl. at	7/5 D
	68	" 15	Claim of Germany vs. China for acts of piracy against the German schr. "Anna". Encloses communication which he proposes to make to China, and memorandum of Br. Min.	7/5 D.
	67	" 15	Real estate. Lease of, by natives to Amer. Missionaries without consent of local authorities. Mr. DuBose at Soochow requests interference of V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to prevent punishment of Chinese who leased him certain property. V. Cons. Genl. declined to interfere. Correspondence encl'd.	7/5 D.
	69	" 17	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. For. Office has issued orders for investigation of the outrage on the mission & satisfactory adjustment of the case. Correspondence enclosed. Refers to his #26.	7/5. 22 D.
	70	" 18	New Chwang. Cons at. left post on the 9th inst. to be absent 12 mos. He is to act as an unofficial member of the Chinese Centennial Commn.	7/5 D
	71	" 29	Furniture purchased for Legation. Account for. Advice of draft.	7/5. D
	72	" 12	Absence from post for 30 days reported.	8/7 D.
	73	" 12	Return of Mr. Williams, Sec. of Leg'n, to post reported.	8/7 D.
	74	" 12	Germany's proposition to revise its treaty with China. Advises cooperation with Germany. 31 received.	8/7 D.
	75	" 15	Railway bet. Shanghai & Woosung. Construction of, is progressing. Will be guided by #28 if any further question arises.	8/7 D.
	76	" 15	26-32 received.	8/7 D
	77	" 15	Peruvian interests. Min has been asked to take charge of, temporarily. Will do so.	8/7 D.
	78	" 15	Claim of Germany vs. China for acts of piracy towards the German schr. "Anna" has been satisfactorily settled. Memorandum of interview bet. acting Sec of Leg'n & Chinese Yamen. Encls. circ. to Consular Offices instructing them to	8/7 D.

Amount paid & the execution of Ch. 5 Rule 3 provided by China for the protection of vessels in distress.

FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1876	SUBJECT.	REMITT AND DISPOSITION.
George F. Seward.	79	June 16	Partnerships bet. Americans & Chinese. Transmits circ of Cons. at Chinkiang rel. to. Such partnerships likely to lead to difficulties.	8/7 D.
	80	" 16	Peru. Treatment of Chinese in. No. 29 received. Will suggest to China that she establish a legation at Lima.	8/7 D.
	81	" 16	Newchwang. Vice Consul's bond imperfect. Requests authority to approve bonds of Vice consuls.	8/7
	82	" 17	Military Academy in China. Scheme for, prepared by Genl. Upton, (late) has been submitted to Viceroy at Tientsin, and Min. is opposed to the establishment of such an Academy.	8/7 D.
	83	" 19	Sec'y of Leg'n Dr. Williams desires to be relieved on account of failing eyesight. Commendation of Dr. Williams. Recommends Mr. C. Holcombe as his successor.	8/7 D.
	84	" 19	Missionary difficulty at Wuchang. Satisfactory settlement of.	8/7 D.
	85	" 19	Military & Naval Academies of the U.S. Admission of Chinese to, requested by China. Urges compliance with the request.	8/7 D.
	86	" 20	Detention of effects of Chinese boys at San Francisco. It would have been unfortunate had the effects not been released.	8/7 D.
	87	" 20	Massacre of Mr. Margary, a Br. subject, & suite at Yunnan by Chinese. Negotiations for settlement of the case have been broken off. Viceroy at Tientsin is endeavoring to renew them. Comments on the conduct of the Br. Min. & the attitude of the Yamen. Narrates proposals made by Br. Min.	8/7 D.
	88	" 20	Customs Gazette & Trade Returns forwarded.	8/7 D.
	89	" 20	Farewell address, presented to Mr. Seward by the foreign community at Shanghai, & Mr. Seward's reply enclosed.	8/7 D
S. Wells Williams, Sec.	—	" 20	Resignation as Sec. & Interpreter to Legn., to take effect upon the arrival of his successor, tendered.	8/7 D.
George F. Seward	90	" 23	Wreck of German vessels upon the coast of Formosa. The Chinese authorities conduct themselves to the entire satisfaction of the German Ministers	8/25. D.
	91	" 27	Newchwang. Recognition of Frederick Bandtel as V. Consul	8/25. D.
	92	" 27	38-35 received	8/25 D.
	93	" 28	Telegraphic lines in China. Mr. Northern Telegraph Co has finally abandoned the line bet Foochow & Amoy. The line will probably be completed by the Chinese. Asks that Telegraphy to be established. Enc. agreement of abandonment	8/25 D.
	94	" 29	Audience Question. Suggests that the credential letter be granted to Foreign Office, upon the understanding that they will be answered in the name of the Emperor as was done in the case of Mr Burlingame	8/25 K.
	95	" 29	Chinese emigrants in California. Interview with Minister for Foreign Affairs in which Mr Seward referred to the subject of the treatment of Chinese in California China proposes to send a Minister to U.S. & to establish a Consulate at San Francisco. Enc. note from Chinese Govt. calling attention to the treatment of Chinese in U.S. China is willing to permit Mr Seward to represent Peruvian interests in China.	8/25 D.
	96	" 30	Treaties with China. Revision of the one with Germany Enc. notes giving his views in regard to their proposals and what should be included in a treaty with U.S.	8/25 D/cd
	97	July 1	Chinese Emigration to California. Reply of Mr Williams to enquiries of Senate Com. of Cal. to investigate Chinese emigration. Giving the character of the emigrant, their condition & contract	8/25 D.

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George F. Seward	98	July 1	Coolies in Cuba. Report of the Commission sent by China to Cuba in 1873 to ascertain the condition of the Chinese coolies who are there enslaved	8/25. D.
	99	" 1	Massacre of Mr Margary, a Br. subject, & insult at Junnan. Refers to his 87 & gives additional information in regard to the negotiations for a settlement of the question. Failure of negotiations	8/25. D.
	100	" 1	Claim of Germany vs China for acts of piracy towards the German sch. "Anna". Encs. note from German Minister thanking Mr Seward for his assistance in the matter	8/25. D.
S. Wells Williams	—	" 3	Chinese Emigration to California. Encs. reply to enquiries made by Committee of Senate, [of California] [See No 97 for copy]	8/25. D.
George F. Seward	101	" 5	Emigration of Chinese to U.S. States that as the Chinese embark from Hong Kong, a British Colony, any treaty with China would not effect emigration	8/25. D.
	102	" 6	Centennial 4th of July. How celebrated. Encs. correspondence with Foreign Office	9/5. D
	103	" 6	Death of Wanxiang Chief Cabinet Minister. Encs notice of the deceased by S. Williams	9/5. D
	104	" 6	Massacre of Mr Margary, a Br. subject, & Insult at Junnan. Further concerning the negotiations for a settlement of the subject	9/5. D
	105	" 6	Mint & Post Offices for China. Intention of China to establish Post Offices & to coin silver. Ideas suggested by Mr Seward	9/5. D
	106	" 10	Woosung Railway opened on the 30th June. On the 1st July the first train was run as far as Kung-wan, the half way station. Encs. newspaper account	9/5. D
	107	" 11	Claim of H. Fogg & Co vs China for stores &c. furnished the Naval forces. Encs. note to Foreign Office requesting a settlement of the claim	9/5. D
	108	" 11	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs China for use of the steamer "Kwo Jeor" and for her loss while under charter to Ward & Co. Encs. papers	9/5. D
	109	" 19	Emigration of Chinese to U.S. Encs. slip from California paper rel. to resolution proposed in House of Rep. the reports of bad treatment of Chinese in California likely to affect our influence in China.	9/5. D
	110	" 19	Passports for Americans traveling in the interior of China. Encs. note from Foreign Office with form of passports to be issued by Ministers & Foreign Office. Mr Seward proposes a different form & states that Consuls should not be forbidden to issue passports. The charge for passports should be $1 instead of $6. now charged	9/5. D
	111	" 20	Rent of Legation. Encs. receipt to July 1.	9/5. D
	112	" 24	Canton. Consul Johnson's intention to start for U.S. If he does not return his place should be filled at once	9/5. D
	113	" 25	Transit passes (outward). Chinese authorities refuse to give such passes except for tea. Encs. correspondence with Consul at Chinkiang. Minister declines to present the subject to China at present as the missionary question will color the question	9/5. D
	114	" 25	Claim of H. Fogg & Co. vs China for stores &c. furnished the Naval forces. Report of interview at Foreign Office. Room for hope that something may be accomplished	9/5. D
	115	" 25	Claim of A. Jenkins for losses incurred by illegal action of Chinese officials in detaining goods shipped by him under transit passes. Encs. papers in the case. Mr Jenkins asked for further information	9/5. D
	116	" 26	Wrecks. Rules for the protection of shipwrecked persons & property enclosed	9/5. D
	117	" 28	Canton. Departure of Consul Johnson. Has left U. Consul Bush in charge	9/5. D
	118	" 28	Passports for Americans traveling in the interior of China. Refers to his 110. Says that the really important question is whether Consuls can join in issuing passports, and gives the reasons. Repeats the request for instructions. Encs. Report of interview at Foreign Office	9/5. D

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George F. Seward	119	July 29	Claim of Charles E. Hill on China for the use of his steamer "Kow Shin" for her loss while under charter. Refers to his 108 and gives substance of two interviews at foreign office. The Minister views upon referring the matter to Tsungli Yamen Mr Seward objected to formal account	9/15 D
	120	" 29	Account of legation and loss of Mr H. Lecombe as Secretary & Interpreter during absence of Mr Williams	9/15 D
	121	Aug 7	Departure from Peking on the 29th & arrival at Chefoo Aug 3d	9/15 D
	122	" 8	Massacre of Mr Margary, a British subject & suite at Yunnan. Gives an account of final negotiations before British Minister left Peking. He viewing ordered to Chefoo to renew negotiations. Prospect for resumption of negotiations & for satisfactory result	9/15 D
	123	" 23	Massacre of Mr. Margary, a British subject & suite, at Yunnan. Papers showing the terms upon which China is willing to settle the difficulty encl'd. Case being conducted by Mr Hart, Inspector Genl. of Customs, on the part of China. Two letters from him to Viceroy at Tientsin transmitted. Mr Hart's extraordinary influence. It is likely a settlement will be reached. Possibly the whole negotiation is a masquerade at the expense of China. Mint & Post-Offices likely to be established, & ports opened.	9/15 D
	126	Sep. 5	Tientsin. Has granted Cons. at. leave of absence. An extended leave should be granted him on account of his health. Mr Pethick vice-cons. left in charge of Consulate. Consul's request for leave encl'd. Reports suggestion made by him to Viceroy at Tientsin in contravention to the suggestion of Mr. Hart which contemplated interest of Gt. Britain to the exclusion of all other Powers.	10/11 D 11/16
	125	" 5	Massacre of Mr. Margary, a British subject & suite at Yunnan. Reports progress of negotiations for settlement of the case. Br. Min. proposes to act in accordance with spirit of the treaties regarding opium traffic.	11/7 D
	124	" 5	Breakfast party given by Viceroy of Tientsin. Account of the affair.	11/7 D
	127	" 7	Foreign Relations. Designates despatches for publication in.	11/7
	128	" 11	Massacre of Mr. Margary a British subject & suite at Yunnan. Progress of negotiations for settlement of the case. Br. Min expects to reach a settlement soon. Features of the proposed settlement	11/7 D
	129	" 11	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite at Yunnan. Proposed arrangement for settlement of the case not as advantageous as could have been made. Suggests that his despatches of 5th & 11th inst. be published. Hopes his course in remaining at Chefoo to watch progress of the case will be approved. Intends leaving for post on 15th inst.	11/7 D
		" 11	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite at Yunnan. Case has been settled. China to pay an indemnity of $260.000 Tls.	11/7
	130	" 27	Numbers given for despatches written at Chefoo. Nos. 36-56 & circs. of June 19 & July 21 received.	11/29 D
	131	" 28	Railway bet. Shanghai & Woosung. A Chinese accidentally killed on it. Br. Min. dealing with the road as a Br. corporation stops running of trains. American stockholders protest agt. Br. Min.'s action & are informed by Mr Seward that Br Min was not aware of their interest in the road, but that a Chinese Commr has been appt'd to settle all questions concerning the road. Instructions to Consular Officers in case of their being consulted by the Commr encl'd.	11/29 D 12/18 D
	132	Oct. 3	Visit of Mr. Seward to Chefoo. Left Chefoo on 15th & reached Foochow on 22nd inst.	11/29 D

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George F. Seward	133	Oct. 3	Foreign Relations. Designates despatches for publication in.	11/29
	134	" 3	Massacre of Mr. Margary & suite at Yunnan. Agreement in settlement of the case enclosed. Questions contained in it as to etiquette, judicial procedure & Likin taxes referred to Dip. Corps by China for expression of views. Dip. Corps objects to the reference but takes advantage of the situation & informs China that it will discuss the questions, which may be determined upon, independent of the Yunnan matter, but that as to taxes existing treaties must be regarded until changed by negotiation. Will include subjects of a Mint & a Post Office in the proposed discussion. Deference shown by Br. Min. to Mr. Seward's views regarding settlement of the Yunnan case.	11/29
	135	" 4	Cooperation ——. Disposition of his colleagues favorable to. Mr. Seward's influence with his colleagues. Corrects an erroneous statement in his #123 concerning Br. Min. & Chinese Inspector-Genl. of Customs.	11/29. 12/11. S.
Chester Holcombe	—	" 14	Accepts apptmt. as Sec & Interpreter of Leg'n. Encs. oath.	12/14 D
George F. Seward	136	" 14	57-70 & separate of July 24 received.	12/14 D.
	137	" 14	Visit of Rear Admiral Reynolds to Peking. Courtesies interchanged	12/14 D.
	138	" 14	Railway bet. Shanghai & Woosung. Viceroy of Nanking proposes to purchase it, & thereafter to discontinue it. Mr. Seward is endeavoring to preserve the road but is not hopeful of success. Encs letter from Cons. at Tientsin	12/14 D.
	139	" 14	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. Case not yet settled; has been again brought to notice of For. Office, which has promised to instruct Gov. of the province to avoid delay in settling it. Desires that missionaries avoid places where troubles are likely to occur. Refers to his #26 & 69	12/14 D
	140	" 14	Hankow. Has applied for recog'n of F.D. Bush as Cons. at.	12/14 D
	141	" 16	Contingent allowance. No. 69 received. Thanks for Dept's efforts to prevent reduction of the allowance.	12/14 D.
	142	" 16	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for the use of his steamer "Keor Jeor" & for her loss while under charter, and claims growing out of & contract with military authorities under Genl. Ward. Reports interview at For. Office which resulted unsatisfactorily. He suggests that they be submitted to arbitration. Suggestion not accepted. Asks if he shall renew the suggestion. Designates difficulties attending prosecution of claims in China.	12/14 D.
	143	" 20	Secretary of Leg'n & Interpreter. C. Holcombe entered upon duties as, on 14th inst. Dr. Williams will leave Peking on 24th inst.	12/14 D.
	144	" 20	Lease of Legation premises from Dr. Williams executed pursuant to instruction #67. Three copies of lease encl'd. Lessor bound to make current repairs	12/14 D
	145	" 20	Swatow. Has instructed Cons. Genl. that if appropriation for consulate at, be withdrawn that port may be made an agency under Canton. States why it should be under Canton instead of Amoy to which latter it is geographically nearer.	12/14 D
	146	" 23	Ports to be opened to foreign commerce at Ichang, Wuhu, Wenchow & Pakhoi pursuant to agreement made bet. China & Gt. Britain in settlement of case of massacre of Mr. Margary a Br. subject & suite in Yunnan. Instruction to Cons. Genl. as to nomination of Agts. for the new ports encl'd.	12/14 D
	147	" 23	Account for salary for qr. ending Sept. 30. Will forward accounts for previous quarters at an early day.	12/14 D

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S. Wells Williams	—	Oct. 21	Resignation as Sec'y & Interpreter to Leg'n. Dep't's letters of Aug. 7, & 10, received with satisfaction. Notes progress among the Chinese. Has transferred to his successor Mr. Holcombe everything relating to the office of Sec'y & Interp'r.	17/20 D.
George F. Seward	148	" 20	Sec'y & Interpreter to Leg'n. Has notified For. Office of depture of Mr. Holcombe as.	17/20 D.
	149	" 27	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for use of his steamer Keer Jee" & for her loss while under charter. Encs note from For. Office stating that no written evidence in support of the claim can be found & that oral testimony is both for & against it. Mr. Seward requests For. Office to apply to Viceroys at Nanking & Tientsin for certain information & to Shanghai officials for certain papers. Among the papers the document by which the Ward claims were submitted to arbitration may be found. If it be, it will benefit the claim.	17/20 D.
	150	" 27	Hankow. Charges agt. Cons. at. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai has gone to Hankow to investigate them. Min. cautioned him against hasty acceptance of the charges. Cons. Genl. replied that his object in visiting Hankow was rather to vindicate than to convict or injure the Cons.	17/20 D.
	151	" 30	Naval & military power. China is uselessly expending money for improvment of. French & Br. Admirals make a fine display of their vessels befor Viceroy of Tientsin. Mr. Seward informs Viceroy that U.S. does not want to defend its coast with ironclads & introduces Capt Matthews who explains U.S. system of coast defence. The Viceroy is pleased with the system & intimates desire for Capt Matthews to enter Chinese service. Chinese students are being sent to France & England to complete scientific & military education.	1/3 D
	152	" 30	Coolies in Cuba. Treaty brt. Spain & China for amelioration of their condition. Negotiations have begun. China has asked For. Reps. to mediate. Mr. Seward declines until he is invited by Span. Min. also. This latter does not appear satisfied with result of conversations at For. Office	1/3 D
	153	" 30	Relations brt. China & Western Powers. Judiciary, Audience, and Taxation questions submitted by China to For. Reps. Two conferences of Dip. Corps have failed of result. German Min. does not desire to discuss, with China any of these questions as will enter into the proposed new treaty brt Germany & China. Memorandum of questions, to be discussed under the heads of Audience & Judiciary, prepared by Mr. Seward enclosed.	1/3 D
	154	Nov. 1	Envoys from China to England & Japan. Mr. Seward has given them letters of introduction to U.S. Mins. Dinner given by Mr. Seward to the Chinese envoys to Japan & the U.S. et al.	1/3 D
	155	" 1	Smuggling on the Yangtze river. Encs. instructions to Consular Officers as to prevention of by Amer. vessels	1/3 D
	156	" 8	Coolies in Cuba. Treaty brt. Spain & China for amelioration of their condition. Spanish Min. says he was prepared to accept mediation of For Reps but that For. Office interposed difficulties. It is thought that negotiations are suspended awaiting arrival of instructions from Madrid.	1/3 D
	157	" 8	German treaty. Revision of. Negotiations have been opened. German Min. will not approach question of judicial reform. He will enter the Min	1/3 D

Likin taxes.

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George F Seward	158	Nov. 11	Mint. China has shown no disposition adverse to establishment of one. German Min. will endeavor to procure a declaration of intention to establish one in new treaty	1/3 d
	159	" 13	Text of telegram of 4th inst. from Dept.	1/3 d
	160	" 14	71-83 & Circ. of Sept. 18 received.	1/3 d
	161	" 14	Mint. British Min could have had establishment of one guaranteed by China in recent agreement in settlement of Yunnan difficulty. German Min. will no doubt have new treaty provide for such establishment	1/3 d
	162	" 15	German treaty revision. German Min. is acting in accordance with views of Mr. Seward. He will not treat on the subject of Lekin taxes until a full understanding with his colleagues is reached. He will not call for cooperation of U.S. Min. so long as he is able to carry forward his work by himself.	1/29 d
	163	" 17	Corrupt Officials. Punishment of. Two sentenced to death for falsifying accounts and others to be punished for not discovering that frauds were being perpetrated.	1/3 d
	164	" 22	Relations bet. China & Western Powers. Questions of Judiciary Audience & Taxation contained in the agreement had at Chefoo in settlement of the Margary case and submitted by China to Dip. Corps for consideration. Br. Minister has departed from China on leave. Remaining Mins. have had three conferences which have resulted in harmony. Protocol to be sent by next mail.	1/29 d.
	Tel.	" 26	Relations bet. China & Western Powers. Questions of Judiciary, Audience, & Taxation have been considered by Dip Corps. Result of consideration sent by mail	
	165	" 22	Customs Gazette. Two copies forwarded.	1/29 d
	166	" 25	Postal rates bet Hong Kong & the U.S. Reduction has been made by U.S. but not by Hong Kong. Postmaster Genl. at Hong Kong states that if asked by the U.S. he could not refuse to make a reduction. Encs. copy of this despatch for P.M. Genl. Desires to be informed of any new arrangement which may be made for continuation of postal relations bet. China & Japan.	1/29 d
	167	" 27	Canton. Charges agt. R.M. Johnson Cons. at. Has asked Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to inform Leg'n. of result of his enquiries. A Russian firm appears to have a claim agt. Mr. Johnson for more than $2000.	1/29 d
	168	" 27	Trade committee at Foochow. Complaint made by Consul against interposition of said Commtee bet. Consulate & local authorities. Mr. Seward's colleagues to support him in presentation of the complaint to For. Office.	2/8 d
	169	" 27	Swatow. Thinks subordination of Agency at, to Canton instead of Amoy would have been preferable.	1/29 d
	170	" 28	Departure of Dr. Williams from China. Transmits editorials relating to his career & work, and newspaper account of presentation to him of an address	1/29 d.
	171	" 29	Missionary difficulty near Hangchow adjusted without intervention of the Consul. It is wise for missionaries to cultivate good relations with officials & to apply to them first for redress of wrongs. Newspaper article encl'd.	2/8 d
	172	" 29	Railway bet. Woosung & Shanghai is to be purchased by the Govt. Will urge China to continue its operation.	2/8 d
	173	" 29	Consular Officers for San Francisco & Callao. Newspaper article announcing appoint. of, encl'd. For Office denies newspaper statement Sent Min. thinks it true.	2/8 d
	174	" 30	Corea & Japan. Treaty bet. provides for care of foreign wrecks on Corean coast. Suggests that Min at Tokei be instructed to thank Japan for securing said provision & to explain in such manner as to avoid the Coreans the object of our solicitude [illegible]	

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		1876		
George F. Seward	175	Nov. 30	Exterritoriality in China. Wisdom of, exhibited by the Chinese practice of executing lunatics who have committed capital offenses. Cites recent instances of cruel execution	2/18 d.
	176	" 30	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping has been satisfactorily settled. Has so informed For. Office & suggested to Prince Kung that Magistrates be instructed to protect foreigners in all cases without waiting to be moved by the Consul	2/18 d
	177	Dec 5	Relations with China. Questions of Audience, Judiciary, & Taxation. Submits statement regarding these questions which has been agreed upon by For. Reps. at Peking.	2/18 d.
	178	" 8	Consular correspondence. Requests that Consuls be instructed to send regularly to Leg'n. at Peking copies of registers &c. Refers to his #6 & #65.	2/18 d
	179	" 12	Customs Gazette for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1876 forwarded.	2/18 d.
	180	" 13	Passports. Has instructed Consuls not to issue them & has furnished them with blanks signed by Min. pursuant to Dept.'s #79. Encs. instructions.	2/18 d
	181	" 13	Diplomatic & Consular service of China. Rules governing, encl'd.	2/18 d
	182	" 14	Taxation (Lekin). China at instance of German Min. has determined to exempt foreign goods at Shanghai from. Will accept this determination informing China that it is regarded as a right not as a concession. China proposes not to allow drawbacks if goods are not re-exported within 3 years Asks if he shall accept the proposition Has notified Consul Genl. at Shanghai of China's conclusion & requested him to have it published.	2/18 d
	183	" 16	Taxation (Lekin) & drawbacks Refers to his 182 & encloses note to For. Office accepting propositions rel. to, & urging exemption of all foreign settlements as well as China from Lekin taxes.	2/18 d
	184	" 16	German treaty revision Success is doubtful. Final proposals have been made by Germany. They correspond generally with those submitted to Dept by German Min. with the changes shown in Leg'n.'s 96. Commends course of German Rep. towards his colleagues.	2/18 d
	185	" 26	Emigrants in U.S. from China. Has communicated purport of Dept.'s #74 to For. Office. Has received a reply expressing gratification. Encs. correspondence.	2/19 d
	186	" 26	Foreign districts at Ningpo & Wenchow. Has instructed Consul at Ningpo to take steps for determination of. Will instruct other Consuls to take similar steps within their respective jurisdictions.	2/19 d
	187	" 27	Account for rent enclosed.	2/19 d
	188	" 30	Coast defences. China has ordered 50 Lay torpedoes at a cost of $750.000 Tls. Refers to his 151.	3/9 d.
1877	189	Jany 4	Account for rent. Duplicate enclosed.	3/9 d.
	190	" 9	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for use of his steamer "Keorjeer" and her loss while under charter, and Ward claims. Narrates steps taken to obtain settlement of these claims Memoranda of the claims & correspondence encl'd. Asks if Mr. Hill's claim should be abated pursuant to Dept's #73, and whether the claims may be submitted to arbitration.	3/9 d
	191	" 9	Sooloo archipelago. Port of Sooloo in, has been opened by Spain. Terms upon which trade may be carried on. Consuls notified.	3/9 d.
	192	" 9	Foochow. Trade Committee at. Complaint of Cons against interference of this committee bet. him & local authorities. High Officials have been instructed to adjust the matter. Encs. correspondence with For. Office.	3/9 d.

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FROM WHOM	No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
China from p. 142		1877		
Chester Holcombe Sec'y & Interpr.		Jany. 9	Accounts. Advises draft covering expenses of telegram announcing Mr. Avery's death. Vouchers enclosed. He did not intend to claim $2 per diem, while in charge of Legation but merely wished to know whether he was entitled to that amount. Withdraws all question on subject. Transmits Mr. Avery's letter of credit & special passport.	3/9 d.
George F. Seward	193	" 10	Hankow. Charges against R. M. Johnson, Cons. at. Report of Cons. Genl & Min. believes charges well founded, & that the Cons. has defrauded the Govt. Addduces a new charge. Claimants agt. Mr. Johnson to be informed that they can only seek redress in the courts & cannot expect intervention of U.S.	3/9 d
	194	" 10	Judicial reform. Desires to be informed in regard to the system of Mixed Courts in Egypt and as to any action looking towards a similar system in Turkey which may have been taken.	3/9 d
	195	" 10	Furniture of Legation. Thinks Sec. of Leg'n. should have benefit of a part of it. Desires consequently, to remodel account transmitted with his #71. Asks if he can draw unexpended balance of last year's appropriation for furniture.	3/9 d
	196	" 12	Protection of foreigners in the Interior by local authorities. Has addressed For. Office with a view to securing it. Reply of For Office enclosed; it is unsatisfactory. Contemplates addressing For. Office again.	3/9 d 3/27 d
	197	" 19	84–90 received.	
	198	" 19	Hankow & Swatow. Mess. Shepard & Howland recognized as Cons. & Cons. Agt. at. Obtained the recognitions befor receipt of commissions of appointees in order to avoid delay in assumption of duties by the appointees.	3/27 d
	199	" 22	Ministerial changes. Vacancies in the For. Office caused by death have been filled by members of Privy Council. The new appointees are men of influence with the Govt.	3/27 d.
	200	" 23	Social intercourse bet Chinese Officials & For. Reps. Further step in direction of, has recently been taken by China. Names of officials who called upon For. Reps. Jany. 8; 9; & 10 enclosed. Refers to his #23.	3/27 d.
	201	" 25	Shanghai. Is informed that Cons. Genl. at, has suspended V. Cons. Genl. Bradford. Deprecates such course on part of the Cons. Genl.	3/27
	202	" 30	Steam Navigation Co of Shanghai composed of American merchants has been compelled to sell out to a Chinese Company; discriminations having been made by China in favor of the latter, rendered competition impossible. China is supporting native enterprise with a view to the ruin of foreign navigation interests in the Empire.	4/5 d
	203	Feb. 7	Shanghai. V. Cons. Genl. Bradford has been reinstated. Refers to his #201 & encs. correspondence regarding the suspension & reinstatement. Considers Mr. Myers as incapable of performing functions of Cons. Genl. & recommends his removal & the appointment of some one of the older consuls in China to succeed him.	4/7 d
	204	" 12	Claim of Charles E. Keill vs. China for his steamer the "Keo Jeer" and Ward Claims. Is urging settlement of. Encs. correspondence.	4/5 d.
	205	" 13	Spanish Min. is still negotiating with China in regard to Chinese Emigration and the plunder of the wrecked vessel "Soezana" by Formosans. Rumors that he has broken off relations unfounded.	4/5 d
	206	" 16	Transit pass system of China. For. Office proposes certain amendatory rules rel to. Min., in concert with his colleagues, replies deferring discussion until general question of taxation, as proposed in protocol which accompanied his #175, comes up for determination. Refers to his #13. Encs. correspondence.	4/5 d
	207	" 18	Confiscation Rules agreed upon bet. Legation & Chinese Govt. in 1865. Consul at Ningpo raises certain objections to. Legn. replies giving history of the rules and stating that they are useful in the main and should be upheld. Correspondence enclosed.	4/5 d.

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George F. Seward.	208	Feb. 18	Shanghai. Consular meetings at. Publications of minutes of such meetings have been too detailed recently. For. Reps. have instructed their consuls to exercise reserve. Encs. instruction to Cons. Genl.	4/30 d
	209	" 19	Passeports. Consul at Foochow states that application to Legn. or Consulate Genl. for, in all cases would be inconvenient for Americans desiring to visit the Interior & requests authority to apply in behalf of such Americans to local authorities for Chinese passports. Legn. has granted the authority requested. Correspondence enclosed.	4/30 d
	210	" 21	Hankow. Has authorized J. H. Shepard to enter upon duties as Cons. at, although his commission has not yet arrived. This action taken because V. Cons. may be obliged to leave the post	4/30 d
	211	" 21	Taxation (Lekin). Exemption of foreign goods from, at Shanghai. Rules proposed by Taotai at Shanghai in view of arrangement effected in revision of German treaty for such exemption enclosed. They are calculated to defeat the arrangement. They are to be considered by the Consular board at Shanghai. Has instructed Cons. Genl. to act with a view to securing performance of the arrangement	4/30 d
	212	" 26	91-98 received.	4/30 d
	213	" 28	Monetary Commission of the U.S. Furnishes information for.	4/30 d
	214	Mar. 6	99-101 received.	4/30 d
	215	" 6	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Keo Jeo" Note in support of, addressed to For. Office upon receipt of Dept.'s #96, enclosed. Explains his course in behalf of the claim.	4/30 d
		" 21	Libellous article published in Shanghai newspaper against him. Thinks Cons. Genl. instigated the publication. Gives reasons for thinking so. The article enclosed.	4/30
	216	" 7	Opium trade. China requests that U.S. assent to the arrangement provided in the Chefoo agreement bet. China & Gt. Britain. Legn. desires authority to include such new rules regarding opium trade as may be declared acceptable by representatives of the various foreign ports at Peking. Correspondence with For. Office & extract from Chefoo agreement enc'd.	5/9 d
	217	" 13	Civilization. Progress of in China. Encs. as setting forth such progress a report on the Imperial College. Most influential men of the Empire are interested in the College.	5/9 d
	218	" 13	Taxation (Likin) Exemption of foreign goods at Shanghai from. Refers to his #182. Encs. correspondence with For. Office respecting drawback certificates, being an arrangement of details in accordance with the general arrangement effected by the German Minister.	5/9 d
	219	" 13	Social unpleasantness bet. members of the Dip. Corps and their wives. Harmony restored after a duel was fought bet. Spanish Min. & one of his secretaries.	5/9 d
	220	" 13	Opening of new ports. Note from For. Office, stating that the ports of Ichang, Wuhu, Wenahow, & Pakhoi will be opened on 1st prox., enclosed.	5/9 d.
	221	" 19	Gold watch awarded to Capt. Stewart of the "Sin Sing" for services rendered Am. ship "Enoch Train". Note informing China of the award & reply of For. Office expressing appreciation enclosed. Reply to #92.	5/9 d.
	Tel.	" 28	Shanghai. Has removed Cons. Genl. Myers. The office in charge of V. Cons. Genl. Bradford.	
		Apl. 1	Shanghai. Has removed Cons. Genl. Myers for instigating the publication of a libel against him. Has placed Vice. Cons. Genl. Bradford in charge of the Consulate Genral. Letter removing Mr. Myers and evidence upon which Min. proceeded inclosed. Hopes that a successor to Mr. Myers may be appointed soon.	5/9 d

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George F. Seward	—	Apl. 1	Shanghai. Suspension of Cons. Genl. Myers. Understands that Mr. Myers has prepared statement of charges against him. Asks that they be communicated to him for rebuttal. Charges Mr. Myers with improper conduct in various ways, as bring unfit for office of Cons. Genl.	5/9 d
—	"	4	Shanghai. Difficulty bet. C. P. Blethen & Cons. Genl. at Eias. communication from Mr. Blethen repelling imputation cast upon his integrity by the Cons. Genl.	5/9 d
Tel.	"	4	Shanghai. Suspension by Min. of Cons. Genl. Myers. Requests authority to order Mr. Myers to report at Washington.	
—	"	10	Shanghai. Suspension by Min. of Cons. Genl. Myers. Has received no reply to his telegram of 4th inst. Desires to know what are the allegations brought against him which Cons. Genl. has disavowed. Refers to his #1008 when Cons. Genl., as explanatory of his action regarding masters & mates of vessels. Will reply to charge preferred by T. T. Burr respecting fees collected from estate of D. R. Spedding	5/21 d 6/6 d
222	"	21	102-116 received.	
223	"	21	Ichang. States that C. L. Bebe cannot serve as Cons. Agt. at.	6/6 d
224	"	21	Swatow. W. O. Haviland recognized as Cons. Agt. at.	6/6 d
225	"	23	Left post to visit Shanghai on 13th ult. and returned on 19th inst. While he was in Shanghai he established Legation there.	6/6 d
226	"	23	Miscellaneous. General report upon situation of affairs at Peking regarding relations bet. China & Western Powers. Will send detailed reports when time permits. Unsatisfactory reply has been received from For. Office regarding the claim of C. E. Hill & the Ward claims. Chinese post-offices to be established at the open ports. Favorable prospect for the establishment of a mint. Negotiations of his colleagues. Opening of new ports.	6/6 d
227	"	25	Admeasuring vessels. Question as to mode of, has been raised by Chinese Customs authorities at Ningpo in case of an Amer. vessel. Has informed For. Office that he awaits information from Cons. officers at Ningpo & Shanghai as to practice pursued in admeasurement of vessels.	6/15 d
228	"	25	Jurisdiction of Consuls over crimes committed on the high seas. Has informed Cons. at Amoy that Consuls have no jurisdiction over such crimes.	6/15 d
229	"	26	Passports. Has further instructed Consuls rel. to, pursuant to Dept.'s #110	6/18 d
230	"	30	Wenchow, a new port recently opened. Report on, by Cons. at Ningpo enclosed. Authorities propose to set apart certain territory for the exclusive use of Americans. Legn. has instructed consul not to accept such proposition if not being policy for any discrimination to be made between foreigners of different nationalities in China, and thinks there is no need for haste in the apptmt. of a Cons. Agt.	6/15
231	"	30	Monetary Commission of the U.S. Copy of his #213 containing information for, enclosed for such use as Dept. may deem proper.	6/15
232	"	30	Customs regulations of China. Alleged violation of, by agents of an American firm, Messrs. Coit & Co., & consequent seizure of their goods. Legn. has informed For. Office that no objection to the confiscation will be made in case fraud was practiced but at the same time has requested that an opportunity be given Messrs Coit & Co. to disprove the charge of fraud. Correspondence enclosed.	6/15 d
233	May 3		#117-#122 received.	6/18 d
234	"	7	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kee Jeer" and the Ward claims. Adverse note from For. Offices & Legation's rejoinders enclosed. Protocol of settlement not signed	6/15 d

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George F. Seward	235	May 8	Charges preferred by Cons. Genl. Myers against Mr. Seward of non-enforcement of White Emp. Chi. at Shanghai law requiring that a clearance be not granted American and vessels unless their masters & mates be Amer. citizens. Explanation of.	6/15 D
	236	" 8	Shanghai. Inability of Legn. to rely upon declarations of Cons. Genl. Myers exhibited by two conflicting letters, one from the Cons. Genl & the other from the Spanish Cons. to his Min. which widely differ in the account of certain consular proceeding at Shanghai.	6/15
	237	" 8	Mint. Establishment of, by China. Reports progress made towards securing such establishment & thinks before many years China will be provided with means of coining money.	6/15 D
	238	" 12	Missionary trouble at Soochow. A Chinese subject who assisted missionaries in procuring a building site is imprisoned therefor & is in a very pitiful condition. Legn. has instructed Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to do what he can for his release without giving offence to Chinese authorities through interference bet. them & their own countryman. Refers to Legn.'s	6/29 D
	239	" 12	Railway from Shanghai to Woosung has not yet been turned over to the Chinese purchasers. It is probable that when they come into possession of it they will continue its operation. The Govt. does not really regard railroad enterprises with disfavor.	6/29 D
	240	" 12	Municipal regulations having the force of law at Amoy. Code of, drawn up by foreigners & submitted through their Consuls to the various Legns. The Dip. Corps conclude that the regulations are too complicated & that their approval by local authorities should be obtained before submission to For. Office. Consuls have been so instructed.	6/29 D
	241	" 12	Wuhu a new port recently opened. Report on it by Cons. at Chinkiang encld. Has instructed Consul to nominate an Agent for the port at present there being no necessity for such an officer there now.	6/29 D
	242	" 12	Ichang. Instruction to Cons. at Hankow respecting nomination of an Agent for, encld.	6/29 D
	243	" 12	Judicial system of China. Viciousness of, exhibited by encld memorial addressed to the Throne by Govrs. of certain provinces setting forth that accused persons languish in prison for years & frequently die there without being brought to trial or without sentence having been passed upon them. The memorialists pray that these evils be remedied.	6/29 D
	244	" 12	Customs Gazette. Two copies of, forwarded.	6/29 D
	245	" 14	123-125 & circ. of Mar. 12 received.	6/29 D
	246	" 14	President of the U.S. Encs. note to For. Office announcing inauguration of Rutherford B. Hayes as.	6/29 D
	247	" 14	Apptmt. of Wm. M. Evarts as Sec. of State. Note announcing it to For. Office encld.	6/29 D
	248	" 16	Soochow. Trade Committee at. Complaint of Cons. against intervention of this committee bet them & local authorities Circular letter addressed to the Consuls by foreign minister directing them to pay no attention to the Committee, but to transact all business with the official transmitted	7/27 D
	249	" 17	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs China for the use of his steamer "Georgeo" and for her loss while under charter as "Hard claim. Has asked China if she ack. her responsibility and, if not, is willing to submit the matter to arbitration. Note to foreign Office enclosed	7/27 D
	250	" 17	Shanghai. Charges preferred against Mr Bradford by Mr Myers. Shows Mr Myers unfitness to hold any official position	7/27 D
	251	" 19	Customs medical report of China transmitted	7/27 D

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George F. Seward	252	May 19	Municipal regulations for Amoy, having the force of laws Refers to his 240 and encloses copy of the regulations	7/27 d
	253	" 21	German treaty revision. German Minister hopeful of success but has thus far met with discouragement	7/27 d
	254	" 21	Coolies in Cuba. No progress made in the negotiation bet. Spain & China on subject. China much concerned at the status and rumors say that China has offered to indemnify Spain for loss of the "Sovrana" wrecked off Formosa	7/27 d
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	256	" 22	Claims of American vs China growing out of the riot of May 3d 1874 at Shanghai. Memorial of Am. claimants enclosed stating that the demands of British subjects have been satisfied out of the Chefoo indemnity	7/27 d
	257	" 23	Steamship Co. (Chinese). Report of, enclosed. The Co. has recd. great support from the govt, but is in a very bad financial condition. Its commercial prospects not good. Its failure would not be a surprise. Chinese are unable to compete with foreigners in steam navigation. Prominent officials of China desire to break down foreign navigation interests in China & their hopes rely to be accomplished if they can keep out the Chinese Co.	7/27 d
	258	June 1	Legation established at Chefoo during the summer. Left Peking May 29.	7/27 d
	259	" 4	Shanghai. Interpreter to Consulate Genl. at. Has apptd. Dr. McCartee to temporarily fill vacancy caused by resignation of Dr. Yates. Recommends Dr. McCartee for permanent apptmt.	7/27 d
	260	" 5	126-132 received	7/27 d
	261	" 6	Kiukiang & Ichang. Has instructed Cons. at Hankow not to nominate Agts. for, until suitable persons can be found	7/27 d
	262	" 6	Missionary trouble in Foochow. Refers to his "231 & encs. further report respecting the imprisonment of a native for assisting missionaries in procuring a building site. Will bring subject unofficially to the attention of the Viceroy at Nanking.	
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	264	" 6	Passports. Trade Committee at Foochow refuse to issue passports or to countersign those issued by Legn. Con. has been instructed to call Committee's attention to French treaty which said refusal is contravening	7/27 d
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	287	" 30	German treaty revision. German Min. has come to a deadlock with the For. Office and has left the capital. Negotiations however will probably be renewed.	8/18 d
	288	July 2	139-143 received.	8/18 d
	289	" 3	Theatre at Chinkiang for natives which is conducted by D.A. Emery a U.S. citizen. Chinese law requires it to be closed at night. Consul refuses to have Mr. Emery submit to the law. Legn. informs Cons. that Mr. Emery must abide by the law and instructs him to prosecute Mr. E. for any infraction of it. Correspondence enclosed.	8/18 d
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		" 5	Chargé d'Affaires. Mode of obtaining compensation as Circ. of May 1, 1868	
George F. Seward	290	" 7	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Keo Jeo" ∿ the Ward claims. Arbitration at Nanking has failed. The Viceroy admitted validity of the Ward claims ∿ would pay principal; but was unwilling to pay interest and in case of Keo Jeo would pay a reduced principal without interest on account of some Mr. Holcombe's report of negotiations enclosed. Full statement of Legn.'s views will be forwarded by next mail.	8/18 d
	291	" 7	Taxation (Lekin) China has agreed, under pressure of German Min., to fully discuss legality of, with Dip. Corps.	8/18 d
	292	" 9	Inauguration of Pres. Hayes, ∿ apptmt. of Wm. M. Evarts as Sec. of State. Cordial replies of For. Office to announcements of, enclosed.	8/18 d
	293	" 9	Claims of foreigners vs. China for losses incurred by riot at Shanghai in 1874. V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai has called upon claimants to furnish proofs of their losses.	8/18 d
	294	" 9	Admeasurement of vessels. V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai states that the 'Linan' will probably be readmeasured on her return to that port. Refers to Legn.'s 265.	8/18 d
	295	" 10	Collision bet. Amer. schr. "William Phillips" and a Chinese junk ∿ at New Chwang. Amer. ship was apparently to blame but decision of Cons. Court was in her favor. Decision gave dissatisfaction and Legn. has interfered to secure a new trial of case in the Court at New Chwang. Asks approval of his course, and views of Dept as to whether in mixed cases the court of defendant alone should have jurisdiction. Perplexing question with V. Cons. courts.	
	296	" 10	New ports. First experiences of, have not been gratifying, but advantages can be derived therefrom by the employment of capital ∿ energy. Newspaper article enclosed.	9/7 8/18 d
	297	" 7	Steam Navigation Company of China has passed under the immediate control of Chinese Govt., its patron the Viceroy of Chihli being thus relieved of responsibility ∿ the Co. strengthened.	8/18 d
	298	" 10	Opium. Encls. Edict ordering that measures be taken to put an end to its use in China within 3 years. Legn. does not expect that anything more than a diminution of its use will be accomplished.	8/18 d
	299	" 11	Shanghai Attempt to burn Consulate Genl. at on the 5th inst. Newspaper articles enclosed. The attempt was made by some one well acquainted with the premises, but no clue to the perpetrator has yet been obtained.	8/18 d
	300	" 12	Shanghai. Ex. Cons. Genl. Myers publishes charges agt. Mr. Seward of official misconduct while at Shanghai in capacity of Cons. Genl. Copy of publications enclosed. Charges refuted. One of the charges ∿ in regard to fees collected by Mr. Seward for services rendered in settlement of the Hall estate. This charge was made the subject of Dpl. No.	9/7
	301	" 17	Missionary trouble at Soochow. The native who assisted Missionaries in procuring a building site is imprisoned on charge of withholding from owners considerable portion of the money with which he was intrusted for the purchase of the property.	

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Geo. F. Seward	302	July 19	144 & 145 received.	9/25
	303	" 19	Consular Courts. Has instructed consuls to submit to Legn. names of persons who may be called upon to act as associates.	9/7
	304	" 19	Ship's papers. Falsification of, by Capt. Healy of the "William Phillips". Cons. Court has fined Capt. $500 & held him in $500 more to meet any further proceedings. Legn. has caused the defaced register to be sent to Dept. Minutes of proceedings in Cons. Court enclosed.	9/7
	305	" 19	Collision of Amer. schr. "William Phillips" with Chinese junk at New Chwang. Cons. Court admits errors in decision which was adverse to the junk, and advises Taotai to send Capt. of the Junk to Canton, where the "William Phillips" is, to prosecute Capt of the Amer. vessel. Taotai declines doing so on grounds that he has submitted case to For. Office. Refers to Legn.'s #295.	9/7
	306	" 26	Collision of Amer schr. "William Phillips" with Chinese junk at New Chwang. Encs. note from For. Office complaining of injustice of decision of Consular Court, and Legn.'s reply stating that the Court confines to erroneous decision & requesting as the "William Phillips" has gone to Canton that Capt. of the Junk be directed to proceed thither for prosecution of that vessel. Has instructed Sec. of Legn. to request Viceroy at Tientsin to advise Capt. of Junk to take such course.	9/7
	307	" 26	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Keo Jeo" and Ward claims. Encs. memoranda to be presented to For. Office by Sec. of Legn. One demands interest on the Ward claims, the other demands payment of full amount claimed as principal by Mr. Hill leaving question of interest for further discussion. Refers to Legn.'s #290.	9/7
	308	" 26	Foochow. Charges preferred by Chinese Trade Committee agt. Cons. at, of being engaged in a fraudulent enterprise. Note from For. Office covering the charges enclosed. Legn. replies stating that Sec. of Legn. will be sent to Foochow to investigate the charges, & requesting that Viceroy at Foochow be instructed to co-operate with Sec. of Legn.	9/7
	309	" 30	Thanks of War Dept. for courtesies extended to Genl. Upton & suite have been conveyed to China.	9/24
	310	" 30	Philadelphia Ex. Has expressed thanks of U.S. to China for its participation &, for donation of its exhibits to various public institutions.	9/24
	311	" 30	Consulates. Rent allowances for. Cons. at Amoy reports that two Consular Officers reside at their consulates, the Govt. paying the whole rent. Has instructed Vice Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to enquire into these cases &, report to Dept.	9/24
	312	Aug. 1	Foochow. Charges preferred by Chinese Trade Committee agt. Cons. at, of being engaged in a fraudulent enterprise. Encs. report from Cons. which exonerates him from fraudulent intent. He acted however imprudently. Cons. may be able to show that the false charges are the result of personal animosity on the part of the Trade Committee.	9/24
	313	" 2	Collision of Amer. schr. "William Phillips" with Chinese junk at New Chwang. Viceroy at Tientsin declines to advise Chinese libellants to pursue the vessel to Canton. Has instructed Sec. of Legn. to inform For. Office that if libellants refuse to pursue the vessel they will have only themselves to blame if they do not secure a right adjudication of their case.	9/24

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George F. Seward	314	Aug. 3	Deportation of a vagabond U. S. Carpenter from Tientsin to Shanghai by V. Cons. at former place. Has informed V. Cons. that his course is not sanctioned by law.	9/24 d
"	315	" 3	Taxation (Lekin). China agrees to discuss question with For. Repr. at instance of German Min. Comments on the question and requests authority to participate in the discussion. Correspondence bet. For. Office & German Min. enclosed.	9/24 d
"	316	" 3	Transit passes for outgoing produce. Cons. at Chinkiang submits to Legn. rules for issuance of, which have been agreed upon by him, his British Colleague, & Chinese authorities. Legn. informs Cons. that they are too cumbrous and asks whether a simpler arrangement could not be more satisfactory.	9/24 d
"	317	" 3	Tonnage dues imposed by Chinese authorities at Chinkiang on vessels sailing with transit passes. Supposing such imposition to be a discrimination in favor of vessels not provided with passes Legn instructed Cons. to protest. Chinkiang however upon further examination that discrimination is not intended has asked Cons. for information	9/24 d
"	318	" 3	Tamsui & Keeling. Nominee for Consular Agt. at, is a British subject. Permission has been obtained from British Legn. for him to act.	9/24 d
"	319	" 10	Missionary trouble at Soochow. Refers to his 301. Encs. letter from Missionaries denying fraud on part of the native in their employ. Legn. advises them to make representations to Viceroy at Nanking.	9/24 d
"	320	" 10	Taxes (Lekin) Imposition of, on imports of foreign mdse. at New Chwang. Has instructed V. Cons. to protest.	9/24 d
"	321	" 10	Taxation (Lekin) Encs. letter from Shanghai Chamber of Commerce to its London Committee which comments on the Chefoo agreement and will prove valuable in connection with the approaching discussion of the Lekin taxation question at Peking	9/24 d
"	322	" 11	Judicial procedure in civil cases bet. natives & foreigners. Asks whether such cases should be heard by Courts of Defendants or by Mixed courts. Is adverse to system of Mixed Courts. Has instructed Consuls pending Dept.'s decision to adhere to system of procedure hitherto observed which gives jurisdiction to courts of defendants.	9/24 d
"	323	" 11	Transit pass system & Lekin taxation. Circular to Consuls requesting information rel. to, enclosed.	9/24 d
"	324	" 11	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kow Jeer" and the Ward claims. For. Office requests that Sec. of Legn. be sent again to Nanking but declines giving Viceroy instructions to allow interest on Ward claims. Legn. declines acceding to the request. Does not consider situation hopeless. Desires approval of his representation in regard to interest on Ward claims & demand for full amount claimed by Charles E. Hill, and authority to express to For. Office dissatisfaction of U.S. with the course it has taken.	9/24 d
"	325	" 13	Foochow. Charges preferred by Chinese Trade Committee agt. Cons. at. Refers to his 306. For. Office agrees to instruct Viceroy at Foochow to cooperate with Sec. of Legn in investigation of the charges. For. Office does not appear to attach importance to the matter. Instruction to Sec. of Legn. encld.	9/24 d
"	326	" 13	Collision of Amer. schr "William Phillips" with a Chinese junk at New Chwang. Encs. memoranda of conferences bet. Sec. of Legn & Viceroy at Tientsin & For. Office. Sec. of Legn. urged that owner of junk be advised to follow the "William Phillips" to Canton but claims of both captains & crew and [illegible]	

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George F. Seward	327	Aug. 14	Steamship Co (Chinese). Operations of, thus far have discouraged For. Office & Viceroy at Tientsin, who declare that their people do not yet know how to manage steamship lines remuneratively. Legn. will do what it can to avert failure of the Company.	9/2 d
	328	" 14	Steam communication bet. Peru & China. Contract has been entered into bet. Peru & Olyphant & Co of Hong Kong for establishment of a line of steamers bet. Peru & Asia. Two steam lines across the Pacific managed by Americans are under the British flag owing to restriction imposed by Navigation Laws of U.S. Peruvian interests are now represented in China by U.S. Min and as Min.'s duties in representing Peru may become onerous, requests that Dept. enquire whether Peru intends to send an Agent to China &, if not, whether she will send out two young men to learn the Chinese language & to assist U.S. Min.	9/24 d
	329	" 28	Miscellaneous. Reports preparations that are being made by Viceroy at Tientsin & Sec. of Legn. for examination of charges agt. U.S. Cons. at Foochow. Chinese intend to take up the Woosung railway. British Chargé has been instructed to remonstrate agt. such course. Great interest felt at Shanghai in approaching discussion of Lekin taxation question at Peking. Famine in north of China expected during the winter. Min. has visited Shanghai on public business, & is about returning to Chefoo en route for Peking.	10/10 d
	330	Sep. 22	Chinkiang. Recommends abolition of Consulate at, and the establishment of an agency there under Shanghai	11/9 d
	331	" 22	California. Treatment of Chinese in. Refers to his #281. Taotai has determined not to publish the Brooke papers furnished him by Ex cons-genl Myers.	11/9 d
	332	" 22	Railway bet Shanghai & Woosung. Letter from Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai requesting intervention of Dip. Reps. for preservation of the railway & reply of Legn. that as soon as various Mins. return to Peking the matter will doubtless receive attention enclosed. British Chargé has been instructed to remonstrate against destruction of the road by its Chinese proprietors.	11/9 d
	333	" 22	Trade dollar. Sets forth difficulties in the way of its introduction in China. States that Cons at Canton in his #38 to Dept. has not carefully studied the subject. Refers to Legn.'s #213.	11/9 d
	334	" 22	Chefoo. Temporary appointt. of A.M. Eckford as Cons. Agt. at, announced.	11/9
	335	" 24	#164-173 received.	12/1 d
	336	" 24	Consulates. Rent allowances for. Refers to his #311. Cons. at Amoy states that the Consuls he referred to, as having rent for consulates, which they occupy as residences, paid in lots by the Govt, do not reside in China.	12/1 d
	337	" 29	Judicial procedure in civil cases bet. natives & foreigners. Question as to whether such cases should be heard by Mixed Courts or by courts of Defendants. Refers to his #322. Cons. at Amoy objects to carrying out Legn.'s instruction. Legn. reiterates the instruction. Correspondence encls.	5/6 1878 d
	338	Oct. 5	Returns of Trade & Medical reports transmitted.	12/1 d
	339	" 5	174-177 & circ. of Aug. 7 received.	12/1 d
Chester Holcombe, Sec.		" 6	Accounts.	12/1 d
George F. Seward.	340	" 9	Claim of Chas E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kiow Jeou" & the Woo claims. China desires a re-reference of the claims to the Viceroy at Nanking. Legn. declines to assent. Correspondence enclosed. Think this correspondence will bring about further discussion with For. Office on subject. Awaiting reply to his #340.	12/1 d

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George F. Seward	341	Oct. 15	Newspapers for Legn. Designation of. No papers have ben received since January 1, 1876.	12/13 D
	342	" 16	Railway bet. Woosung & Shanghai. Encs. note to For. Office urging against discontinuance of the line.	1/10 D
	343	" 22	Hong Kong. Installation of H. Selden Loring as V. Cons. in charge of the consulate at, has occasioned much unfavorable comment. Thinks employment of Mr. Loring by the Govt. is of doubtful propriety.	1/10 D
	344	" 24	178-180 & circ. of Aug. 20, received.	12/13 D
	345	" 26	Foochow. Charges of official misconduct preferred agt. Cons. at. Report of investigation by Sec. of Legn. enclosed. The Cons. appears guilty of mismanagement of his office but not of the grave charges brought against him apparently through malice. High reputation of the Cons. Interpreter to Consulate guilty of a grave abuse of his position and has been suspended by Legn. Commends manner in which Sec. of Legn. conducted his investigation.	12/13 D
	346	" 29	Foochow. Charges of official misconduct preferred agt. Cons. at. Refers to his 345, & recommends that consideration of the Consul's case be delayed until receipt of further despatches from the Legation.	12/13 4/270
Chester Holcombe Sec.	—	" 31	Account. Duplicate of, enclosed.	1/10 D
George F. Seward	347	Nov. 3	Traveling expenses of Mr. Holcombe Sec. of Legn. who was sent by Min. to various points on public business. Has instructed Sec. of Legn. to draw on Dept. Requests that the draft be honored. Account enclosed.	1/10 D
	—	" 23	Shanghai Charges agt. Mr. Bradford V. Cons. Genl. at, of failure to make accurate returns of fees since 1st of Jany. 1876. Requests authority to examine, in concert with Cons. Genl. Wells, accounts of Mr. Bradford for years previous to 1876 when Mr. Seward was Cons. Genl.	1/10 1/17 D
	348	Dec. 1	Customs Gazette transmitted.	1/19 D
	349	" 1	181-194 received.	1/19 D
	350	" 5	Lands formed by natural accretions in rivers & harbors. A U.S. citizen named Stevens desires Consul at Amoy to secure for him from local authorities lease of such lands in front of property belonging to British subjects. Legn. instructs Cons. not to aid Mr. Stevens unless the British subjects interested withdraw their present objections to the acquirement of the lease by Mr. Stevens; Legn. holding that proprietors of land contiguous to such accretions have the first claim to a lease of them from the Chinese authorities in whom the fee simple of such new lands rests. Legn. advises For. Office of these views and For. Office approves them. In the case of complaint of a Mr. ~~Richardson~~ Williams, owner of a large water front, against the filling up by British subjects of the river in front of their property which adjoins Mr. ~~Williams's~~ Richardson's, Legn. has informed Mr. ~~Williams~~ Richardson that he may obtain redress either through friendly intervention of U.S. & British Consuls at Amoy or through action in British Consular Court or through application to Chinese authorities who have undoubted right to care for their rivers & harbors.	1/19 D
	351	" 6	Coasting trade of China. Pamphlets by a Br. Merchant & letter from an Am. merchant arguing that foreigners have a right to engage in, free of duty, enclosed. Legn. replies that foreigners have undoubted right to engage in the trade but not without payment of duty as high at least as natives pay.	1/26 D
	352	" 6	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Yee Jee" & the latest claims. Legn. proposes, if within a few days no note on subject is received from the Yamen to ask for a definite answer, either affirmative or negative, to his representations, & through Sec. of Legn. giving the text of this proposed note.	1/26 D

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George F. Seward	353	Dec. 10	195 & 196 received.	2/15 d
	354	" 10	Left Peking for Shanghai on 5th Nov. & returned to Peking on 1st inst. When at Shanghai he established Legation there.	2/15 d
	355	" 10	Shanghai. Prosecution of V. Cons. Genl. at. Requests that Cons. Genl be instructed to withdraw prosecution in cases of unofficial fees. States what fees he considered during his tenure of the office at Shanghai as unofficial & perquisites and the amt. of such fees that he collected. Mr. Bradford should not be blamed for following the practice of the office	2/15 d
	356	" 12	Foochow. Charges agt. Consul de Lano. Refers to Consul's 79 to Dept. States that Cons. complains of Legn.'s conclusions. Legn. considers that recent letters of Mr. de Lano do not improve his position.	2/15 c/27 d
	357	" 12	Judicial powers of Consuls in China. Replies to complaint made by Cons. at Amoy, in his 152 to Dept, of interference by Legn. with his judicial functions.	2/15 d
	358	" 12	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Keo Jeor & Ward's claims. Encs. note to For. Office requesting a positive answer as to what the Govt proposes to do. Sets forth disadvantage of deferring to wishes of For. Office for a resubmission of the cases to the Viceroy at Nan-King. Memorandum of conversation bet. Sec. of Legn. & the Yamen, on occasion of delivery of Legn.'s note, mailed	2/25 d
	359	" 15	Claims of foreigners vs. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. French & German Mins. having presented claims of their countrymen, Mr. Seward notifies For. Office of claims of Americans. Refers to his 272.	2/25 d
	360	" 17	Postal system in China. Infers from statements of Inspector Genl. of Customs that gradual establishment of is probably determined upon.	2/25 d
	361	" 18	Municipal regulations having the force of law at Amoy. Question is in abeyance. Refers to his 240. Thinks that Minister & Consuls have authority under laws of 1860 to make such regulations.	2/25 d
	362	" 18	Taxation (Lekin). Cooperation with German Min. to secure abolition of. No. 190 recd. French & Russian Mins. have also been authorized to cooperate. British Chargé however is without instructions, and consequently action is withheld.	2/25 d
	363	" 18	Opium question. Proposes to bring about discussion of, with For. Office in conjunction with discussion of Lekin taxation question.	2/25 d
	364	" 19	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. Petition of Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai for action on part of Dip. Corps for the purpose named. Means suggested by the Chamber to accomplish the end deemed inadequate & unsatisfactory. Thinks the matter should be placed in charge of China's Inspector Genl. of Customs & will endeavor to have it so placed.	2/25 d
	365	" 21	Railway bet. Shanghai & Woosung. Destruction of is about completed. Hostility of China to the road was mainly owing to her desire for a counter grievance agt. that of Gt. Britain on account of the Margary massacre. Thinks projectors were impelled by generous & not selfish ideas. Benefit of railways in times of famine. Will endeavor to impress Govt. favorably in regard to railways as being for the welfare of the people.	2/25 d

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George F. Seward	366	Dec. 24	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kee Jee" and the Ward claims. Has received ambiguous reply from For. Office to note which accompanied his #368. Construes it to mean a compliance with terms of settlement demanded by Legn.; & so informs For. Office with a view to compelling a positive reply. Notes from & to For. Office, and instruction to Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to receive full amount claimed for if offered, enclosed.	2/25-d
	367	" 26	Lands formed in rivers & harbors by natural accretions. Refers to #158 from Cons. at Amoy to Dept. & states that the Consul has embarked in an unnecessary & impolitic discussion with British Consul & that his position on subject is extreme & unwarranted.	2/25-d
	368	" 28	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kee Jee" and the Ward claims. Refers to his 366 & encs. note from For. Office stating that it would be difficult for the Govt. to settle on any other basis than that proposed by the Viceroy at Nanking. Encs. note to For. Office declining to accept such basis. Thinks that time will work a change in the views of For. Office. if attitude of expectancy be preserved & good use of opportunities be made by Legn. Not necessary to modify the claims. Will not address For. Office again on subject until instructed.	2/25-d
	369	" 28	Lands formed in rivers & harbors by natural accretions. Refers to Legn.'s #350. Cons at Amoy did not carry out Legn.'s instructions & local authorities believed that Legn. approved effort of Mr. Stevens to lease such lands from Chinese authorities notwithstanding objection of British subjects in front of whose property the land is formed. Has addressed For. Office entirely disapproving effort of Mr. Stevens & has directed Cons. at Amoy to notify local authorities of such disapproval.	2/25-d
	370	" 29	Account for rent enclosed.	
	371	" 29	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. Encs. code of rules which he has framed for conservation of Shanghai harbor. Inspector Genl. of Customs & Dip. Corps approve the rules & Inspector Genl. will endeavor to have them adopted by the Govt.	2/25-d
	372	" 29	Traveling expenses of Mr. Holcombe Sec. of Legn. Duplicate account for, enclosed. Refers to his #347.	2/25-d
	373	" 29	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kee Jee". Question of interest. It can only be claimed on considerations of equity. States equities in favor of and against the claim. Requests instructions.	2/25-d
	374	" 31	Contingent Expenses. Account for, enclosed. Has exceeded allowance by 327 Tls. Desires to be reimbursed for this amount. Requests that the allowance be increased to $1.000. per annum.	2/25-d
	375	" 31	Telegrams. Account for, enclosed. Authority to draw on Dept. requested.	2/25-d
	376	" 31	Furniture account, amended pursuant to Dept.'s #125, enclosed	2/25-d

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	377	1878 Jan'y 2	Claims of foreigners vs. China growing out of riots at Shanghai in 1874. China declines to entertain them until the foreigners who killed certain Chinese during the riot shall first have been punished. This illegical and impolitic position will be argued to by China and Mr. Seward. Correspondence enclosed.	
George F. Seward	378	Jany. 2	Mint. Establishment of, declared by China to be impracticable. Note from For. Office enclosed. Sets forth discrepancies in value at various ports of coin of the same denomination, and the undervaluation of foreign coins. Dip. Corps contemplates taking measures to remedy this situation.	4/ d 3/5 d
	379	" 5	Harbor conservation. A question having arisen with British Govt., China asked the opinion of four English lawyers. The opinion of the lawyers is that China has perfect right to take such measures for conservation of her rivers & harbors as she may deem expedient, without having recourse to foreign authorities located within her territory.	3/5 d
	380	" 10	Cuba. Amelioration of condition of Chinese Coolies in. Treaty recently concluded bet. Spain & China on subject enclosed with comments. For. Office expresses gratitude for mediation of Dip. Corps in negotiation of the treaty & requests that U.S. Consuls in Cuba be directed to co-operate with Chinese Consuls to secure compliance with terms of the treaty. The "Sovrana" case settled by payment of $18.000 to Spain by China.	3/5 d
	381	" 11	Foochow. Charges preferred agt. Cons. De Lans of official misconduct. He thinks Has has an interview at For. Office which has resulted in China's taking a more equitable view of the case than she was disposed to do. Will report the interview by next mail.	3/5 d
	382	" 11	Lands formed by accretions in rivers & harbors. Refers to previous correspondence Question at Amoy about to be settled in conformity with views heretofore expressed by Legn. Unfriendly course of U.S. Cons. at Amoy. Despatch from British Cons. cited.	3/5 d
S. Wells Williams	—	" 16	Accounts not settled owing to disallowance of charge for $1600. paid by him to his substitute, Chester Holcombe, for services during a period of Mr. Williams' absence on leave, & for which period Mr. Williams received no compensation. Prays for allowance of the charge.	1/22 d
George F. Seward	383	" 16	Foochow. Nominates F. D. Cheshire as Interpreter at. Consul declines to make the nomination until advised that Legn.'s suspension of former interpreter is approved by Dept. Correspondence with Consul enclosed. Suspended interpreter claims compensation still. Mr. Cheshire is acting temporarily. Full salary of $2000 per annum should be allowed him from day he assumed duty.	4/1 4/8 d
	384	" 22	Collision of the "William Phillips" with a Chinese junk near New Chwang. Refers to previous despatches. For. Office demands that the vessel be ordered to return to New Chwang. Legn. has in reply endeavored to explain that the vessel cannot be so ordered. Correspondence enclosed. Will endeavor to explain matter to the Chinese perfectly in a personal interview.	4/1 d
	385	" 23	Social intercourse bet. Chinese officials & For. Reps. Practice of a formal interchange of New Year's courtesies seems firmly established but nothing further in the matter of social intercourse has been effected.	4/1 d
	386	" 23	Foochow. Charges agt. Consul at, preferred by Chinese authorities. Encloses correspondence which resulted in an interview at For. Office. Reports interview in which he refutes all serious charges agt. the Consul, but admitted that the Cons. was censurable for wrong doings of his interpreter, and arranged that matter should rest until Legn. should receive instructions from Washington. Recommends that Cons. be not removed, & that Legn. be authorized to demand formal withdrawal of all unproven charges.	4/1 d
	387	" 23	Claim of C. F. Jones vs. China, for services rendred that Govt. as commander of the 'Keo Jeor'. Memorial, reciept from Cons. at Tien Tsin, enclosed. Legn. declines to ask authority to present the claim Jones joined the rebels & fought agt. China subsequently to rendition of the services mentioned.	4/1 d

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George F. Seward	388	Jany 25	Compensation for 1st & 2nd quarters of 1876. Account for, enclosed. Refers to Dept's 58 and argues that the amount therein prescribed is less than he is entitled to.	4/10 d
	389	" 25	Account for salary for 3rd & 4th quarters of 1877 enclosed.	4/10 d
	390	" 25	197-202 & circ. of 12th Nov. last received.	4/10 d
	391	" 28	Trade report for 1876. Two copies of, forwarded.	4/10 d
	392	" 28	Foochow. Suspension by Legn. of Interpreter at. Protest of interpreter which accompd. Dept's 201 was before him when he wrote his 345. Disapproves statement of Consul that he always found the interpreter faithful in the discharge of his duties.	4/10 d
X	393	" 29	Foochow. Charges agt. Consul at, preferred by Chinese authorities. Encloses note from For. Office ignoring all that was said and agreed to in the interviews reported in Legn.'s 386, & requesting that proper measures be taken in view of the charges. Legn. does not intend to answer the note.	4/10 d
	394	" 30	Railway bet. Shanghai & Woosung. Refers to previous despatches as setting forth Legn.'s action for prevention of destruction of, in anticipation of instruction 199. Local authorities now demand removal of telegraph line bet. Shanghai & Woosung	4/18 d
	395	Feb. 1	Shanghai. Julius Stahel recognized as V. Cons. Genl. at.	4/10 d
	396	" 5	203 & 204 received.	4/19 d
	397	" 7	Duplicate of his 271 transmitted.	4/19 d
	398	" 7	Trade Dollar of the U.S. Steps taken to improve demand for it. Circular to Consuls sold. Has asked Consul at Canton whether it is worth while to have inaccurate assay, which was made at Canton, of the coin in question rectified.	4/19 d
	399	" 7	Ward estate claim vs. China. Will report on. Reasons why he did not bring case up heretofore. Difficulties attending, & caution necessary in the prosecution of claims. Reply to 203.	4/19 d
	400	" 8	Passport returns.	4/19 d
	401	" 8	Telegraph line bet. Shanghai & Woosung. Proposed removal of. The various Ministers instruct their Cons. Officers at Shanghai to endeavor to preserve the status quo until question is disposed of at Peking. Russian Min. charged with Danish interests has the matter in hand. Refers to his 394.	4/19 d
X	402	" 9	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. For. Office submits to Dip. Corps rules drafted by Mr. Seward, and the Dip. Corps raises a question as to form. Mr. Seward proposes to have For. Reps. send for views of engineers in their respective countries regarding improvement of the Woosung bar.	4/19 d
	403	" 11	Chefoo. Advises discontinuance of allowances to the Consular Agt. at. Correspondence with Cons. at Tientsin respecting the discontinuance at Chefoo & abolition of the Marshalship at Tientsin encld.	4/19 d
	404	" 13	Mint question. Refers to his 237 & 375 & encs. Letter from Shanghai Chamber of Commerce thanking For. Reps. for their action & expressing regret at their unsuccessfulness.	4/19 d
	405	" 13	Mails for Legn. Complains of delay in arrival of those sent via Europe and desires that all mails be sent via San Francisco.	4/19 d
	406	" 14	Translations of various legal works into Chinese by Dr. W.A.P. Martin a U.S. citizen. Enumeration of. Services rendered by Dr. Martin to the cause of progress in China.	4/19 d
X	Tel	" 16	Shanghai. Charges agt. O.B. Bradford, late V. Cons. Genl. at. Will report from Shanghai upon case shortly.	
X	407	" 16	Shanghai. Charges agt. O.B. Bradford late V. Cons. Genl. at. Is going to Shanghai to examine into the matter and to take such action as justice may require, Mr. Wells late Cons. Genl. at Shanghai having left without apparently having completed the case.	5/3 d
	408	" 18	New Year's calls paid by Dip. Reps. to Ministers of the For. Office on 11th inst.	5/3 d

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George F. Seward.	409	Feb. 18	Social intercourse bet. For. Repres & Chinese officials. Refers to his #205 and states that Chinese officials decline to abide by arrangement effected by German minister.	5/3 d
	410	" 19	Trade dollar of the U.S. has not been successful in competition with Mex. dollar. Endorses proposal of Secretary of Treasury to discontinue its coinage.	5/3 d
	411	" 23	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. Question as to form regarding submission of the Rules by China to Dip. Corps referred to in his #402 settled and rules approved. Instruction to Consulate Genl. at Shanghai sued. Has submitted to his colleagues a memorandum respecting river conservation a copy of which is sued.	5/3 d
	412	Mar 4	River conservation at Shanghai. Refers to his 411 & reports result of discussion by Dip. Corps of memorandum therein sued. Documents are to be forwarded to the Dept. by Consulate Genl. at Shanghai to enable Dept to determine whether China should be requested by Legn. to take steps for prevention of injury to the harbor at Shanghai. (Woosung Bar.)	5/3 d
	413	" 6	Currency question. Has submitted a memorandum to his colleagues with a view to remedy evils attending present system of currency in China. Consulate Genl. at Shanghai will transmit to Dept. a copy of the memorandum.	5/3 d
	414	" 8	Chefoo convention bet. Gt. Britain & China. Memorial presented to British For. Office by Earl of Shaftesbury & others, urging ratification of the Convention sued. with comments. Indicates course which England may pursue in the event of the ratification of the convention	5/3 5/5 d
	415	" 9	Steamship line bet. Hong Kong & Callao. Newspaper article rel. to, sued.	5/3 d
	416	" 9	Minister from China to U.S. (Chen Lan Pin) is still at Peking. It is rumored that he will soon leave for America. Ill feeling bet. him & his associate Yung Wing, who is in America may result in removal of Mr. Yung Wing from position of associate Minister.	5/3 d
	Tel.	" 23	Shanghai. Charges agt. O.B. Bradford late V. Cons. Genl. at. Advises that a public examination of the charges be made by V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai assisted by Consuls at Ningpo & Tientsin & two naval commanders.	
	—	" 25	Shanghai. Charges agt. O.B. Bradford late V. Cons. Genl. at. Arrives at Shanghai on 22nd inst. Reasons for advice given in his telegram of 23rd instant. — Believes greater part of the charges are without foundation.	5/3
	417	" 9	Civil suits agt. Chinese by Americans. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Intendant at Canton declines to allow Consul to be present at hearing of a case brought by Russell & Co. Has requested For. Office to direct Intendant to hear case in presence of Consul. Correspondence sued.	5/16 d
	418	" 9	Medical reports and marine notices transmitted.	5/16 d
	419	" 12	Departure from Peking temporarily for Europe of Mr. Hart, Chinese Inspector General of Customs, announced.	5/16 d.
	420	" 13	Ministers from China to U.S. Peru, & Spain. Chen Lanpin, Senior Minister, likely to reach Washington in May. Commendation of him. Reports conversation with him. He will probably be permanently stationed in Washington, & junior Minister Yung Wing may be stationed in Spain or Peru. Copy & translation of his (Yung Wing's) credentials sued. Possible difficulties resulting from establishment of the mission.	5/16-25 d.

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George F. Seward	421	Mar. 31	Wharfage dues scheme. Transmits rules proposed by British Chargé and generally approved by the For. Reps. under which a tax on tea & opium will be imposed at Kiukiang the proceeds to be used to construct a protecting wall along the river bank in front of the foreign settlement. Authority to give effect to these rules requested. To do this the rules must be regarded as emanating from the Chinese authorities.	7/16 d
	422	" 14	Famine in China. Gives details of. Sixty millions of people, are probably suffering	7/16 d
	—	" 15	Introducing Chan Lang Pin, Chinese Minister to the U.S.	7/16 d
	423	" 16	Civil suits agt Chinese by Americans. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Refers to his #417. For. Office declines to instruct the Intendant at Kiaktow as requested. Legn. renews request that the Intendant be instructed to hear case brought by Russell & Co. in the presence of U.S. Consul, as provided by treaty. Correspondence enclosed.	7/16 d
	424	" 22	Mines (Coal & Iron). Report on Chinese project for working of.	7/16 d
	425	" 22	Immigration of Chinese to the U.S. Advises agt. legislation for the prevention of, while present treaties are in force. Suggests treaty revision which will enable U.S. to deal with the question untrammeled.	7/16 d
	426	" 22	Swatow. Cons. at Amoy recommends that Agency at, be made subordinate to Canton. Legn. approves and requests Cons. at Canton to nominate an agent for Swatow. Correspondence enclosed.	7/16
	427	" 25	#205–#208 receipts.	7/16 d
	428	" 30	Account for salary for 1st Qr of 1876. transmitted.	7/16 d
	429	Apl. 1	International Law. Two copies in Chinese of Woolsey's Introduction to International Law" transmitted. Suggests that one copy be sent to the Smithsonian Institution.	7/16 d
	430	" 2	Civil suits agt. Chinese by Americans. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Refers to his 417 & 423, & encs. note from For. Office acceding to request of Legation that Intendant at Kiaktow be instructed to hear case brought by Russell & Co. in the presence of U.S. Cons.	7/16 d
	—	" 8	Charges preferred agt. him by J. C. Myers late Cons. Genl. at. No. 209 receipts. Will make early reply. O. B. Bradford late V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai has vindicated himself from charge of violating mails and is preparing defence agt. other charges.	7/16 d
	431	" 8	Passports issued by Legn. Local authority at Foochow declines to countersign them. Correspondence ensues which results in issuance of instructions to local authorities at Foochow and all ports to countersign passports emanating from Legn.	6/0 d
Chester Holcombe, Sec.	—	" 15	Account for salary.	6/3 d
George F. Seward	432	" 16	Customs returns. Report of transmittes	7/6 d
	tel	" 22	"Famine will continue six months. Funds raised can be disbursed by foreign committee or Commission appointed Peking"	
	tel	May 4	Charges vs Minister. Mr Seward cannot reach Washington before Congress adjourns. Will appear first November	
	tel	" 7	Charges vs Minister. Mr Seward returned to Peking"	
	tel	" 9	Charges vs Minister. "Messenger leaves tonight" for Peking after Mr Seward	
	433	" 15	209–221 receipts	7/6 d
	434	" 15	Accounts for rent for last & first quarters of 1877 & 1878	7/6 d
	tel	" 18	Shanghai. Charges vs Mr Seward & Mr Bradford. "Messenger has not returned. Bradford leaves twenty-fourth"	
	435	" 21	Accounts for telegrams	7/2 d
	tel	" 23	Shanghai. Charges vs Seward & Bradford. Mr Seward will sail middle of June; no earlier departure available. Requests delay on part of Committee	
	436	June 1	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs China for his steamer "Kee Jee" and the Ward claims. Has presented these claims to the ministers. The negotiations at a dead lock. These claims should not be allowed to rest but should be pressed	8/3 d

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George F. Seward	437	June 7	Account will be rendered by the Secretary Mr Holcombe	S/2 D
	438	" 7	Departure for the U.S. Has this day placed the Legation in charge of Mr Holcombe. Will arrive in San Francisco about July 20th	S/2 D
Chester Holcombe Chargé d'Affaires.	1	" 8	Chargé. Assumption of duties as, on 7th inst. announced.	S/6 D
	2	" 8	#222-225 received.	S/6 D
	3	" 10	Account of Mr. Seward for salary transmitted.	S/6 D
	4	" 10	Customs Gazette. Two copies of, transmitted.	S/6
	5	" 15	Furniture in the Legation belonging to the U.S. Inventory of, recd.	S/6 D
	6	" 19	Trust funds in hands of Consular Officers. Asks whether Consuls may deposit such funds in banks.	S/6 D
	7	" 20	Corea. French Bishop in, has been imprisoned. Rumors of expected war bet. Corea & Japan.	S/6 D
	8	" 20	Famine in north of China. Report on, by late Sec. of British Legn. enclosed. Distress increasing. Three months must elapse before crops of present season will be available. American Missionaries engaged in distributing contributions.	S/6 D
	9	" 21	Departure of Min. Seward from China leaving Mr. Holcombe as Chargé d'Affs. Ceremonial correspondence rel. to, enclosed.	S/2 D
	10	" 21	Swatow. Petition of American residents for subordination of Agency at, to Consulate at Canton enclosed.	S/2 D
	11	" 24	Currency of China. Memoranda on subject prepared by German Minister & U.S. Minister respectively, together with a letter from Shanghai Chamber of Commerce commending memorandum prepared by U.S. Min. encld. Reports to Legn. & No.	S/2 D
	12	" 25	Compensation as Chargé d'Affs. Sets forth great inconvenience to which he will be subjected by compliance with Dept's circular instruction of May 1, 1877 and requests modification of that instruction. Acct. for services as Chargé for quarter ending June 30 enclosed. Asks whether he shall draw on Dept. or London Bankers.	S/2 D
	13	" 25	Copy of Mr. Seward's #337 transmitted	S/6
	14	" 25	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. Letter from Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai expressing thanks for Mr. Seward's action in behalf of, enclosed.	S/6
	15	" 26	Peruvian interests in China. Care taken of, by U.S. Legn. Encs. note from Peruvian Minister expressing thanks of his govt. for services rendered Peru & Peruvian Legn. by Mr. Seward & Mr. Holcombe.	S/6
	16	" 28	#226-228 received.	S/2 D
	17	July 1	Taxation in China. Confused system of. Extent to which foreign trade is embarrassed in consequence. Memorandum on subject prepared by German Min. enclosed.	S/2 D
	18	" 1	Riparian rights. Complaint of C.C. Williams at Swatow on account of the filling in of the river by British subjects in front of their property which adjoins his. Dept's #227 received. Refers to Mr. Seward's #350 & reports action of Legn. in the matter.	S/2 D
	19	" 1	Trade Dollar of the U.S. Steps taken to increase demand for it. Refers to Mr. Seward's #398 and encloses, with communication replies of Consuls to Legn.'s circular. Calls attention to evils of practice in vogue with mercantile houses of stamping each coin with the Chinese firm name. Question as to advisability of official action for suppression of said practice.	S/2 D
	20	" 2	Trade upon the Yangtze river. For. Office proposes certain modifications of regulations therefor and Legation assents thereto Correspondence encls.	S/2 D
	21	" 2	Hawaiian emigration agents in China. Lives of, jeopardied by misrepresentation of treatment of Chinese in Hawaii. Reports exercise of his good offices in behalf of the agents at request of U.S. Min. to Hawaii. Investigation has been ordered. Correspondence encls.	S/2 D

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Chester Holcombe	22	July 3	Russia & China. Difficulties between have led to the appointment of a Chinese Minister to Russia. Chunghow the appointee. He is much higher in rank & influence than any Minister hitherto sent abroad by China.	9/2 d
	23	" 5	Paris Exposition of 1878. Two copies of catalogue of Chinese exhibits at, forwarded.	9/2 d
	24	" 5	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Prohibition of, by British authorities at Hong Kong and excessive restriction placed upon by Chinese authorities at Canton. If such restrictions were imposed on emigration to U.S. the number of Chinese arriving San Francisco would be reduced from thousands to tens. An American firm, Olyphant & Co., which has a contract for running a line of steamers bet. China & Peru is injuriously affected & proposes to lay claim for damages. Matter is to be made subject of discussion bet. Peru & China. Asks whether he may assist Peruvian Minister with his good offices, and what course he should pursue respecting claim of Olyphant & Co. Documents explanatory of the case enclosed.	9/2
	25	" 6	Transit passes for produce exported from Szchuen. Reports agreement arrived at by Legation & For. Office respecting the issuance of.	9/2 d
	26	" 6	Seizure of flour belonging to G.G. Hopkins by Customs Authorities at Shanghai for alleged attempt at fraud upon the revenue. Legation regards the seizure improper and addresses For. Office requesting release of the flour. Papers in the case meld.	9/2 d
	27	" 15	Account.	9/9 d
	28	" 15	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Restrictions placed upon by authorities at Canton to the injury of Mess. Olyphant & Co., an American firm. Reports an unsuccessful application to For. Office for removal of the restrictions. Correspondence enclosed.	9/9 d
	29	" 17	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Restrictions placed upon. Refers to his 24 & 28, & encloses further correspondence with Mess. Olyphant & Co. That firm intends to lay claim agt. China. Legn. has informed the firm that it will assist Peruvian Legn. as much as possible in its efforts to obtain protection of the firm's interests, the difficulty being one which must be settled by Peru & China.	9/9 d
	30	" 18	#229-234 received.	9/27 d
	31	" 22	Medical reports. Two copies of transmitted	9/27 d
	32	" 25	Chin Kiang. Recognition of C.E. Brauscomt as Cons at, applied for.	9/27 d
	33	Aug 1	Account for rent.	9/27 d
George F. Seward	—	" 6	Arrival in U.S. on 26th ult. announced. Desires to defer visiting Washington until 1st Nov. Hopes there will be no objection to his doing so.	
	—	" 15	Foochow. Recommends that request of Cons at, for leave of absence be granted by telegraph, and that nomination of F.D. Cheshire as Vice Consul be approved.	9/26 d
Chester Holcombe	34	" 15	Customs returns for 1877. Two copies of Part I transmitted.	10/18 d
	35	" 15	Account for rent. Duplicate of, transmitted.	10/18 d
	36	" 17	Seizure of flour belonging to G.G. Hopkins by Customs Authorities at Shanghai for alleged attempt at fraud upon the revenue. Refers to his #26 and reports having obtained release of the flour. China declines however to permit exportation of the flour on the ground that Trade Regulations prohibit exportation of native flour. Mr. Holcombe contends that the Trade Regulations do not contain such prohibition. Requests instructions.	10/18 d
	37	" 22	Naturalized U.S. citizens of Chinese nativity residing in China. Has instructed Vice Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to accord them the same measure of protection as he accords native U.S. citizens.	10/18 d
	38	" 27	Trade returns of China for year 1877 transmitted.	11/7 d

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Chester Holcombe	X	39	Aug. 29	Title for land purchased by T. F. Jones a U.S. citizen from a Chinese subject at Foochow. Chinese authorities refuse to grant same. Reports unsuccessful efforts to overcome their refusal. Correspondence enclosed. Instructions requested. Some decided steps should be taken to relieve U.S. citizens from vexations at the hands of local authorities at Foochow.	11/7 d
		40	" 29	236 received.	11/7
	Y	Tel.	Sep. 4	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Refers to his 34 and states that Peruvian Min. requests Legn.'s good offices towards securing freedom of.	
	X	41	" 4	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Confirms his telegram of even date. Note from Peruvian Min requesting Legn.'s good offices enclosed. Said Min. arrived at Peking on 18th inst. Hospitalities of U.S. Legn. have been tendered him during his stay in Peking and he has accepted same.	11/7 d
		42	" 6	Foochow. Charges preferred agt. Cons. at, by Chinese authorities. Note from For. Office enquiring what action is going to be taken by U.S. in the matter enclosed. In acknowledging receipt of the note Legn. states that the extent of reprehensibility attributed by China to the Consul is inadmissible	11/7 d
		43	" 9	Customs Gazette No. 38. Two copies of transmitted.	11/7 d
		44	" 9	Revolts near Ningpo and their suppression reported.	11/7 d
	X	45	" 10	Claims agt. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. French claims have been paid. In view of this fact Legn. has requested For. Office to take steps for adjustment of claims of U.S. citizens. Legn has directed V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to report true measure of damages suffered by U.S. citizens. Claim of A.A. Fisher unless greatly reduced will not be presented with the others. Correspondence enclosed.	11/7 d
		46	" 13	Lekin taxation in Manchuria. Proclamation enlarging list of articles subject to, and prescribing a very objectionable measure for the collection of Lekin taxes enclosed.	11/7 d
	Y	47	" 13	Swatow Reports temporary appointt by Legn. of C.C. Williams as Cons. Agt. at. and cautionary instructions given the appointee.	11/7 d
		48	" 18	Shanghai. Arrival of Mr. Bailey V. Cons. Genl. at. Steps taken for his recognition. V. Cons. Genl. Stahel directed to remain at Shanghai until Mr. Bailey is recognized	11/21 d
		49	" 26	237-239 received.	11/21 d
		50	Oct. 2	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Instructions contained in Dept.'s telegram of Sept. 10 shall be carefully obeyed.	11/21 d
		51	" 4	Swatow. For. Office has at request of Legn. notified local officials that Agency at, has been placed under jurisdiction of the Consulate at Canton.	12/6 d
	X	52	" 7	Claims agt. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. For. Office has ordered examination & payment of American claims. German claims settled.	12/6 d
		53	" 10	Shanghai. D.H. Bailey recognized as V. Cons. Genl. at.	12/6 d
	X	54	" 19	Title for land purchased by T.F. Jones a U.S. citizen from a Chinese subject at Foochow. Refusal of Chinese authorities to grant same. Difficulty adjusted by return to Mr. Jones of the purchase money. Correspondence with Consul at Foochow enclosed. Refers to Legn.'s 39.	12/6 d
	X	55	" 19	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Restrictions placed upon. Reports steps taken by Peruvian Min. for removal of the restrictions. No prospects for success of the Peruvian Min. Legn.'s good offices have been confined to advising Peruvian Min. as to line of argument to use.	12/6 d
	X	56	" 19	Spain & China. Difficulties attending exchange of ratifications of convention between, signed in Nov. last	12/6 d
	X	57	" 21	Claims agt. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Refers to his 45 & 52 and encs. report of V. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai on claim of A.A. Fisher. V. Cons. Genl. of opinion that $5.000 shd. be paid Mr. Fisher. Legn. thinks China will not pay as much. Instructions awaited.	12/6 d

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Chester Holcombe, Chargé	58	Oct. 23	240-246 received.	12/6 d
George F. Seward	—	" 3	Presence of Min. Seward in Washington. Asks when it is desired. Asst. for salary enclosed.	10/14 d
	Tel.	" 18	Presence of Min. Seward in Washington. "Shall reach Washington November tenth unless sooner required."	
Chester Holcombe, Chargé	59	" 26	Customs case at Shanghai in which A.C. Farnham & Co., an Amer. firm, are interested. For. Office decides agt. pretension of the firm, and Legn. concurs in the decision. Correspondence enclosed.	12/19 d
X	60	" 28	Claims of U.S. citizens vs. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Forwards deposition of dentist who attended Mr. Fisher one of the claimants, as to injuries sustained by the claimant.	12/19 d
X	61	" 28	Missionary trouble at Foochow. Destruction of British Missionary building by a mob. Cause of the trouble. A U.S. war vessel despatched to Foochow. Correspondence enclosed.	12/19
	62	" 29	Telegraphic account enclosed. Authority to draw for the amt. requested.	12/19 d
X	63	" 30	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Freedom of. Encs note to Peruvian Min. informing him of the extent to which Mr. Holcombe may assist him with good offices in his negotiations with China.	12/19 d
X	64	" 31	Riparian rights. Complaint of C.C. Williams of Swatow agt. filling in of river by his British neighbors. Report of Cons. at Amoy and statement of Mr. Williams enclosed. Legn. has instructed Cons. at Canton to present case to Cantonese authorities if he should deem such course warrantable.	12/19 d
X	65	Nov. 2	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Freedom of. Note from Peruvian Min. expressing thanks for authority accorded Mr. Holcombe to use his good offices in behalf of Peru's contention with China growing out of restrictions placed upon free emigration of Chinese to Peru enclosed.	12/19 d
X	66	" 4	River conservation at Chinkiang. Chinese authorities having again taken steps to secure removal of obstructions placed in the river by British subjects, the latter seek intervention of Dip. Corps in their behalf. Dip Corps refuses to intervene. Grounds of the refusal. Correspondence enclosed. Refers to Mr. Seward's #379.	12/19 d
X	67	" 8	Naval vessel, the "Palos," is to stay at Tientsin during the winter. Correspondence respecting advisability of stationing a naval vessel at Tientsin enclosed.	1/10 d
	68	" 12	Account for rent.	1/10 d
X	69	" 12	Harbor conservation at Shanghai. Opposition of Chinese authorities to enforcement of rules for, agreed upon bet. For. Office and Dip. Corps. Doubtful whether the opposition will be overcome. Correspondence enclosed.	1/10 d
	70	" 15	Consular Regulations & Printed Personal Instructions to Mins. requested.	1/10 d
	71	" 15	Passport blanks requested.	1/10 d
	72	" 18	Swatow Consular Agency. Cons. at Amoy declines to recognize Mr. Holcombe's appt. of a temporary Agt. and proposes to retain jurisdiction over the agency until an appt. is made by the Dept. Has instructed Cons. at Amoy to refrain from exercising any further control over the agency which has been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Cons. at Canton. Correspondence enclosed.	1/10 d
George F. Seward	—	Nov. 19	Acct. for transit compensation while making transit from Peking to Washn.	1/19
Chester Holcombe, Chargé	73	" 19	Compensation of Secr. of Legn. while acting as Chargé. Refs. to #7 received. Advice of draft. Circular of 10th June last not recd. Copy of it requested.	1/10
	74	" 22	Title for land purchased by T.F. Jones. Refusal of Chinese authorities to grant same. Refers to Legn.'s 54 reporting settlement of the case and encloses note from For. Office reporting the same.	2/6
	75	" 22	Wuhu. British Acting Cons. at desire to serve U.S. there in a consular capacity. Legn. informs him that no higher appt. than Cons. Agt. will be made there at present and that such appts. are made upon the nomination of principal Cons. Officers. British Consul's desire has been communicated to Consul at Chinkiang with a request for its immediate consideration.	

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Chester Holcombe, Chargé	76	Nov. 23	Transit passes issued to M.A. Jenkins for the export of native produce from Szchuen. Local authorities in flagrant violation of treaty and of agreement made thereunder. For. Office & Legn. refuse to recognize these passes. Note of remonstrance to For. Office received. Refers to Legn's 25.	3/6
	77	" 25	Thanks of Chinese Govt. for Ordnance memoranda. Request conveyance of to War Dept.	3/6
	78	" 25	Account for rent (Duplicate).	3/6 d
	79	" 29	Customs Gazette No. 39. Two copies of, transmitted.	3/6 d
	80	Dec. 2	Foochow. Cons. at, notifies Legn. of his intended departure on leave and states that Mr. Cheshire V. Cons will be in charge of the consulate on and after Nov. 20. Legn. not being aware of Mr. Cheshire's apptmt. as V. Cons declines to recognize him as V. Cons., requests Cons. to remain at his post for the present, and directs Mr. Cheshire, in the event of Mr. De Lano's having left Foochow, not to exercise consular functions. Correspondence inclosed.	3/6
	81	" 3	Trade Report of China for 1877. Two copies of transmitted.	3/6
	82	" 3	Interpreters to our Consulates in China. Sets forth evils resulting from inadequate compensation of. Deprecates employment of Chinese or of persons engaged in business as interpreters. Interpreters should be American citizens engaged in no business other than that to which they are appointed and should receive from $2000. to $3000. as compensation. The only two American interpreters to Consulates in China who come up to Legn.'s idea of an interpreter are about to resign on account of reduced salary.	3/24
	83	" 5	Changes in the personnel of the For. Office. The changes an improvement. The Office now contains all the Privy Council.	3/24
	84	" 5	Minister from China to Gt. Britain. Apptmt. of the Marquis Tseng as. Sketch and commendation of the appointee.	3/24
	85	" 5	Canton. Charges of disreputable conduct preferred agt. Interpreter to Consulate at. Translation of a placard extensively posted in Canton setting forth the charges enclosed. These charges should be investigated.	3/24
	86	" 6	Spain & China. Ratifications of treaty between, exchanged on 6th inst. Copy of certificate of exchange, the form of which is unusual, enclosed. Steps taken for promotion of Chinese emigration to Cuba.	3/24
	87	" 6	Account for salary enclosed. Reasons why he should receive additional compensation when acting as Chargé.	3/24
	88	" 7	288 and Treasy. circ. respecting Louisiana effects received.	3/24
	89	" 9	Foochow. Refers to Legn.'s 80 and reports in view of departure of Mr. De Lano, Consul at, the issuance by Legn. of a Commission to F. D. Cheshire as Vice Consul. Consul Genl. instructed however not to deliver the commission to Mr. Cheshire until he has complied with formalities required by law.	3/24
	90	" 10	Civil suits agt. Chinese by Americans. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Refers to Legn.'s 430 and states that case of Russell & Co is still untried. Difficulty due to error on part of interpreter of Consulate. Has pointed out error to the Consul and has requested issuance by For. Office of fresh instructions to the Intendant at Kaoutow. Refers to Legn.'s 82.	3/6
	91	" 12	Transit passes issued to M.A. Jenkins. Refers to Legn. 76, incloses further correspondence, and reports that peremptory orders have been issued by the Govt. for recognition of the passes by local authorities.	3/6
	92	" 14	Account (Duplicate).	3/24
	93	" 20	Claims of U.S. citizens vs. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Report of V. Cons Genl at Shanghai on the claims incld. Has instructed the V. Cons Genl. to apply to Intendant at Shanghai for payment of amounts claimed except in the case of A.A. Fisher in whose behalf the V. Cons. Genl. has been instructed to apply for only 3000 taels instead of amt. claimed by Fisher.	3/24

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Chester Holcombe	91	Dec. 21	Cuba. Chinese in. For. Office requests good offices of U.S. Cons. officers to secure faithful observance of treaty recently concluded by Spain with China.	2/24
	95	" 23	Civil suits brought by Americans agt. Chinese. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Case of Russell & Co. at Hankow. Refers to his 90 covering a note to For. Office, and encs. an unsatisfactory note from For. Office in reply and a further urgent note to For. Office.	2/24
	96	" 23	Cable bet. China & the U.S. Reports his declension, in the absence of instructions, to help Mr. Celes Casar Moreno to obtain a subsidy for, and permission to land cable in China.	2/24
	Tel	" 26	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Claim of Olyphant & Co, an American firm, vs China in consequence of restrictions imposed on. Amount of claim $1.250.000. Actual loss of the firm $250.000. Instructions as to presentation of the claim requested. Peruvian Min. will do nothing for the claimants.	
	97	" 26	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Claim of Olyphant & Co., an American firm, vs. China in consequence of restrictions imposed on. Refers to Legn.'s telegram of even date and encs. papers in the case. Sets forth peculiar hardships to which Olyphant & Co. have been subjected. Instructions as to presentation of the claim requested. Indifference of Peruvian Min. at Peking respecting Olyphant & Co.'s loss.	2/24
	98	" 26	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Restrictions imposed on, by Chinese authorities. Reports complete inaction of the Peruvian Min. in the matter, and unsuccessful effort of Mr. Holcombe to have him exert himself. Incapacity, the main cause of the Peruvian Min.'s inaction. Olyphant & Co. have failed. Peruvian Min. has expressed no regret at this occurrence.	2/24
	99	" 28	Claims of U.S. citizens vs. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Refers to Legn.'s 93 and encs. additional papers respecting support of some of said claims.	3/13
	100	" 28	Telegraphic expense. Statement of. Authority to draw for the amount requested.	3/13d
	101	" 30	Civil suits brought by Americans agt. Chinese. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Case of Russell & Co at Hankow. Refers to Legn.'s 95 and encs. a somewhat satisfactory note from For. Office	3/13
	102	" 31	Missionary trouble at Foochow. Refers to Legn.'s 61 and transmits newspaper extracts rel. to. British missionaries were the only sufferers. Basis of indemnity agreed upon bet. British Legn. & For. Office. Agreement has not yet been carried into effect.	3/13
	103	1879 Jany 8	Wuhu. Establishment of Consular Agency at, deemed by Cons. at Chinkiang inadvisable at present. Refers to Legn.'s 75 and encs. despatch from the Consul.	3/13
George F. Seward	—	" 17	Charges of official misconduct while Cons. Genl. at Shanghai preferred agt. him by J. C. Myers. Requests permission for A.B. Bradford to examine under the supervision of F.O St. Clair certain books of the Consulate Genl. which are in Dept.'s possession. [Permission granted]	1/15
Chester Holcombe	104	" 18	Transit passes issued to M. A. Jenkins. Refers to Legn.'s 91 & states that Viceroy of Sychuen has ordered immediate recognition of the passes by his subordinates. Correspondence enclosed.	3/29
	105	" 20	Dtg-253 received.	3/29d
	106	" 20	Swatow. C. C. Williams recognized as Cons. Agt. at.	3/29d
	107	" 21	Despatches bags. Legn. at Peking never receives any. Dept.'s request for return of such bags has been communicated to Consulate Genl. at Shanghai where they are received & opened.	3/29
	108	" 29	254-260 & circ. of Nov. 22 received.	3/29d

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Chester Holcombe	109	Jany. 29	Passport returns for 1878 will be furnished as soon as he shall obtain reports from certain Cons. Officers.	3/29 d
X	110	" 30	Claim of W. H. Besse & others, owners of the "Forest Belle" vs. China for loss of that vessel. Steps will be taken at once to comply with Dept.'s #257 directing him to cause a thorough investigation of the case to be made.	3/29
	111	" 30	Account for contingencies for year ends June 30, 1878. Transmission of, is delayed pending obtainement of certain vouchers.	3/29 d
	112	" 31	Telegraphic account, 17 December transmitted with Legn.'s #100 is erroneous. Correct account enclosed.	3/29 d
	113	" 31	Telegraphic account for Sept. last mold. Advice of draft.	3/29 d
	114	Feb. 1	New Year's calls. Reports exchange of, between Dip Corps and the Heads of the Chinese Govt.	3/29
	115	" 3	Account for salary.	4/19 d
	116	" 3	Account for rent.	4/19 d
)	117	" 6	Naturalization of Chinese in the U.S. No. 250 received. Desires to know whether Consular Courts in China shall decline to exercise jurisdiction over cases in which natives of China holding certificates of naturalization issued by Courts in the U.S. are defendants.	4/19
George F. Seward	X	" 6	Charges of misconduct while Cons. Genl. at Shanghai preferred agt. him by J. C. Myers. Encs. letters showing the high esteem in which he is held by citizens of the U.S. residing in Shanghai.	2/- d
Chester Holcombe	X	118	" 12 261-263 received.	4/19
		119	" 13 Civil suits brought by Americans agt. Chinese. Right of Consul to be present at hearing of. Case of Russell & Co. at Hankow. Refers to Legn.'s 90 and reports that Steudant after having had explained to him the error on the part of the Consulate and after such error was corrected still persisted in refusing to accord desired trial of the case. Legn. await result of instructions issued by For. Office before taking further action.	4/19
	120	" 14	Account for salary (Duplicate).	4/19 d
	121	" 14	Account for rent (Duplicate).	4/19 d
	X 122	" 17	Passports. Chinese Govt. requires that on each passport the area for which it is intended shall be designated. Thinks this requirement can be complied with without inconvenience to holders of passports. Asks what is the term for which a passport is valid, and also whether $5. fee should be collected for renewal of a passport, and whether a visa prolongs the validity of a passport.	4/19
	X 123	" 20	Harbor conservation at Shanghai. For. Office proposes to restrict operation of rules for, to the foreign concession. Dip Corps objects to such restriction and For. Office is to reconsider the matter. Reports interview at For. Office & encs. correspondence	4/19
	124	" 24	Lighthouses, buoys, & beacons on coasts of China. List of, for 1879 transmitted	4/19
	125	" 26	Lease of Legation premises expires June 30, 1879. Recommends renewal of it. Statement of expenses of repairs made on Legation premises during 1878 enclosed.	4/19
	126	" 28	Customs Gazette. Two copies of, transmitted.	4/19
	127	Mar. 4	264-269 received.	4/19 d
	128	" 6	Account for contingencies. Expenses have necessarily exceeded allowance. Insufficiency of contingent allowance. It should be increased to $1000. per annum.	4/19
	129	" 8	270-272 & separates of January 8 & 13 received.	4/19 d
	—	" 8	Passport returns for year ends Dec. 31, 1878.	5/5
	X 130	" 10	Canton. Charges of disreputable conduct preferred agt. Interpreter to Consulate at. Despatch from Cons. reporting same enclosed. Mr. Holcombe has instructed Consul to make his Interpreter discontinue his practice of kneeling to Chinese officials who are his superiors in rank. If	

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	132	" 12	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	To d
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	135	" 18	Foochow Trade Committee. Vice Consul at Foochow declines to receive a communication from the Committee and Legn. approves the Vice Consul's action.	To
George F. Seward	—	" 18	Draft. Advice of.	3/18 d
Chester Holcombe	136	" 27	273-276 received.	To d
George F. Seward	—	Apl. 10	Account for salary & travelling expenses encld. Advice of draft.	4/11 d
X	—	" 15	Revision of commercial treaties. Refers to China's proposition for, communicated to Dept. by German Min. on 18th Sept. last. Gives his views respecting the proposition and suggests that Legn. at Peking be instructed to cooperate with German Min. who is negotiating with China for revision.	4/16
—	—	" 16	Contingent allowance of Legn. at Peking. Increase of $1000. requested.	
	—	" 16	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Keo Jroo" and the Ward claims. Suggests that he be instructed to prosecute them as circumstances may permit. Course he proposes to take in regard to Hill's claim. Recommends that representations for adjustment of these claims be made to Chinese Mins. at Washington.	4/16
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—	—	June 2	Draft. Advice of	7/14 d
—	—	" 2	Arrival in China announced. Will reach Peking about the 10th.	7/14
Chester Holcombe	137	May 29	Revised Statutes and other documents received: also 277-290	7/26
	138	" 29	Absence from post for 65 days without leave reported.	8/11
	139	" 30	Customs Gazette transmitted.	8/11
	140	" 30	Trade returns transmitted.	8/11
	141	June 2	Medical reports transmitted.	8/11
	142	" 2	Sugar. Furnishes information respecting manufacture of, in China.	8/11
	143	" 3	Passport returns for 1878.	8/11
	144	" 6	291-295 received.	8/11
	145	" 7	Account for salary enclosed. Calls attention to loss he suffers through depreciation of Mexican silver dollar. Authority to restate his account for the past 18 mos. so as to make good his loss, requested.	8/11
	146	" 7	Telegraphic account encld. Advice of draft.	8/11
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	148	" 10	Tonnage dues regulations of China. Copy of, transmitted.	8/11
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	445	July 1	Lease of Legation premises. Renewal of. New lease enclosed	9/1
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	465	" 30	Civil suits brought by Americans agt. Chinese. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Case of Russell & Co. at Hankow. has again been brought to attention of For. Office and local authorities are to be instructed to confer with U.S. Consul with a view to an early settlement of the case.	9/29
	466	Aug. 1	306, 307, & circ. of May 29 received.	9/29
	467	" 1	Emigration question. Reports discussion of, with For. Office. which has resulted in agreement of China to institute measures to prevent emigration of criminals and diseased & lewd persons to the U.S. Does not think it prudent to press China further at present. If now remains to formulate the preventive measures. Confident that establishment of satisfactory rules for examination of emigrants can be obtained by Legn.	9/29
	468	" 2	Cable (Telegraphic) bet. U.S. & Asia. Has declined to assist Mr. Celes C. Morris to obtain a concession from China for landing of a cable, but has no doubt but that such concession can be obtained.	9/29
	469	Sep. 4	Medical Reports transmitted.	11/4
	470	" 4	Customs Gazette transmitted.	11/4
	471	" 9	Peruvian Min. Note from, expressing thanks for courtesies extended to him by U.S. Legn. Enclosed.	11/4
	472	" 9	Emigration of Chinese from Hong Kong to U.S. during 6 months ended June 30, 1879 Statement of, enclosed. A very slight emigration for the remaining 6 mos. of 1879 expected.	11/4
	473	" 9	Claim of owners of the "Forest Belle" vs. China for loss of that vessel. Consul at Tientsin has sent in account for expenses incurred in the investigation of. Legn. has told him that it has no authority to reimburse him therefor.	11/4
	474	" 9	Canton. Consul at, who is going on leave has nominated a merchant as Vice Consul. Mr. Seward hesitates to approve the nomination, and has recommended that Interpreter at Foochow be nominated by the Consul at Canton. China adverse to merchant Consuls.	11/4
	475	" 10	Claims of U.S. citizens vs. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Payment of all of them except that of Mr. A.A. Fisher reported.	11/4
	476	" 12	308-310 received.	11/4
	477	" 12	Accounts for contingent expenses will be rendered quarterly hereafter	11/4
	478	" 18	Revision of China's Commercial treaties. Has obtained an authentic copy & English translation of Chinese circular on subject and has sent it to the various U.S. Consuls in China for an expression of their views in regard to the questions treated of in it. [Copies of the Circular with Cons. Gen. Swatow 11/4]	11/4
	479	" 17	Swatow. Recommends that Cons. Agency at, be raised to a Consulate and a salary of not less than $3.500 per annum be attached to the office. It should not be made an unsalaried consulate.	11/4
	480	" 18	Judicial procedure in mixed civil cases. Responses made by Consuls to enquiries of Legn. transmitted. Divergence of opinion among the Consuls but most of them favor trial of such cases in courts of the nationality of the defendants. Hopes that all the For. Reps. will endorse this mode and that China will assent to it, and to the adoption of a few rules to facilitate obtainment of justice by foreigners in the Chinese Courts.	11/4
	481	" 18	British settlement at Canton. Reports declension of Legn to assent to enforcement of regulations of, upon American residents.	11/4
	482	" 24	Questions of Judicial Procedure, Likin Taxation, Transit Pass System, & Official Intercourse. For. Reps. have decided to discuss same among themselves. Formation of Committees.	11/4

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George F. Seward	483	Sep. 27	Customs Gazettes transmitted.	11/28 d
	X 484	" 30	Judicial. Lack of comity on part of British Court at Shanghai towards U.S. court. Correspondence enclosed.	11/28 d
	485	" 30	Swatow. Cons. Agt. at, complains that he is not treated with proper respect by Chinese officials. Representations in subject to be made to For. Office.	11/28
	486	Oct. 3	311 & circular 15 received.	11/28 d
	X 487	" 7	Judicial procedure in mixed cases. Views of Cons. Genl. at Shanghai and Vice Consul at New Chwang in regard to. Legn. has prepared a memorandum on subject for submission to other Legns. at Peking. Copies of it will be sent to Dept when printed.	11/28
	488	" 10	Chinkiang. Mr. Seward has declined to temporarily appoint D.A Emory as V. Cons. at, there being no necessity for such apptmt. Mr. Emory is a merchant & as merch.t Consuls are objectionable to China he sh.d not receive a consular appointment Correspondence with Consul encld.	11/28
	489	" 10	Fog & Alphabet signal systems (Com. Beaumont's). Finding it impracticable to communicate them to Chinese Govt, Legn. has submitted them to Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai with a view to their adoption.	11/28
	490	" 11	Missionary questions at Foochow. Dispatch from Consul De Lano showing great improvement in the manner in which Chinese officials deal with such questions, enclosed.	11/28
	X 491	" 13	Claim of owners of the "Forest Belle" vs. China for loss of that vessel. Expenses incurred by Consul at Tientsin in the investigation of. Consul declares he cannot furnish vouchers. Mr. Seward believes he can and requests authority to reimburse the Consul for such expenses as he shall furnish vouchers for. Consul should not be made to await action of Congress.	11/28
	X 492	" 15	Opium. Shipment of, from Macao via Shanghai to points external to China. Chinese authorities refuse to permit transhipment at Shanghai. At instance of Messrs. Russell & Co. Mr. Seward addresses For.n Office & obtains issuance of orders for allowance of transhipment.	12/16
	X 493	" 16	Confiscation of copper at Ningpo belonging to Mssrs. Cat & Co. The copper was released under bond. Correspondence respecting satisfaction of the bond enclosed. Refers to Legn.'s 282 & 278.	12/6
	494	" 24	312 & 313 received.	12/16
	X 495	" 29	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. There is a prospect that Rules for will soon be put in force. Letter addressed by Legation to Cons. Genl. at Shanghai, reporting a recent interview at For.n Office, enclosed.	1/7
	496	" 29	Canton. Reports having appointed F. D. Cheshire temporary Vice Cons. at.	1/7
	497	" 29	Foochow. Reports having appointed J. P. Cowles, jr. Interpreter at, during absence of Mr. Cheshire who has been appted temporary V. Cons. at Canton	1/7
	498	" 29	Claim of owners of the "Forest Belle" vs. China for loss of that vessel Report of investigation of. Considers that the claim is unfounded.	1/7
	X 499	Nov. 1	Judicial procedure question. Refers to Legn.'s 482 & transmits report of Committee of Dip Corps on.	1/7
	X 500	" 2	Judicial procedure question. Circular addressed by Legn. to Consular Officers instructing them as to procedure which should be observed by them in mixed cases, and requesting expression of their views encls.	1/7
	X 501	" 2	Judicial procedure question. Has requested expression of views of U.S. Min. to Japan in regard to conclusions reached by Legn. at Peking.	1/7
	502	" 3	Interpreters to Consulates. Recommends that salaries of, be increased to $2.500. per annum and that an Interpreter be appt.d at Canton.	1/7
	503	" 3	Consular service. Suggests how its efficiency could be greatly increased without increasing its cost. Suggestion as to compensation of Cons. Officers while on Leave of absence and their substitutes.	1/7
	504	" 10	Accounts for contingent expenses.	1/7

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TO WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1879	SUBJECT.	EXCERPT AND DISPOSITION.
George F. Seward	505	Nov. 18	Judicial procedure question. Dip. Corps has approved report of its Committee, and has addressed a joint note to For. Office submitting for consideration the conclusions reached. Main conclusion is that in Mixed cases Court of the defendant should have jurisdiction. Instructions requested.	1/7
	506	" 18	Judicial procedure question. Pamphlet prepared by Mr. Henderson ex-consul at Amoy arguing in favor of establishment of Mixed Courts enclosed. Objections of Legn. to such establishment stated.	1/7
	507	" 18	314-316 received.	1/7
	508	" 19	Account for rent enclosed.	1/7
	509	" 19	Accounts for contingencies (Duplicates).	1/7
	510	" 21	Commercial grievances. Likin taxation & transit pass system. Difference of opinion bet. Dip. Corps & Chinese Govt. as to intent of treaties. Proceedings of Dip Corps in these matters reported.	1/7
	511	" 22	Customs Gazette of China transmitted.	1/7
	512	" 25	Intercourse bet. Chinese & Foreign officials. Proposed changes in forms of. Authority to sustain his colleagues in an effort to secure adoption of the proposed changes requested.	1/7
	513	" 25	Foreign Office. Reports apptmt. of two new Ministers to the Ministerial Corps of the For. Office of China. One of them appears to be favorably disposed towards foreigners.	1/7
	514	" 25	Foochow. Consul at, refuses to recognize authority of Min. to appoint an Interpreter to the consulate. Case of apptmt. by Min. of Mr. Cowles is as temporary interpreter. Mr. Seward contends that course of Consul is improper. Mr. Seward refers to his 313 & 497 and requests approval of his action in appointing Mr. Cowles, and the issuance of a commission without delay to Mr. Cheshire, as Interpreter at Foochow.	1/7
	515	" 26	Emigration of Chinese to the U.S. Encs. report of Consul at Hong Kong showing that, during quarter ended Sept. 30 last, 553 Chinese left Hong Kong for San Francisco.	1/7
	516	" 26	Claim of B. R. Lewis for losses incurred in going to Kiung Chow to which port he was appt. Cons. Agt. but which port was not opened by China. Papers in the claim enclosed. Regards the claim as without foundation either against China or the U.S.	1/27
	517	" 29	Account for salary for quarter ended Sept. 30, 1879.	1/27d
	518	" 29	Fog & Alphabet signal systems (Com. Beaumont's). Shanghai Chamber of Commerce to which body Mr. Seward submitted them intends to circulate them among Shipping Agents & Merchants at Shanghai.	1/27
	519	" 29	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. Letter from Shanghai Chamber of Commerce ackg. receipt of a report of an interview bet. Mr. Seward and Mins. for For. Affs. Refers to Legn.'s 495.	1/27
	520	" 29	Account for rent (Duplicate).	1/27d
	521	Dec. 3	Wuhu. Correspondence bet. Legn. & Consulate at Chin Kiang respecting establishment of a Cons. Agency at, enclosed. Legn. regards such establishment as inadvisable.	1/27
	522	" 4	Woosung Bar. Reports measures proposed to be taken for improvement of.	1/27
	523	" 4	Questions of Likin taxation, Judicial procedure, & Official Intercourse. Correspondence preliminary to discussion of, enclosed. Present status of these questions. Speculation as to bearings of the notes from For. Office.	1/27
	524	" 4	317, 318, & circular of Oct. 16 received.	1/27d
	525	" 6	Foochow Trade Committee. Refers to previous correspondence and encs. despatch from Consul at Foochow showing that the Committee has practically been abolished.	1/27
	526	" 8	Likin revenue. Reports farming out of, by Chinese authorities to mercantile guilds. This course works serious injury to foreign merchants. Remonstrance will be addressed to Chinese Govt. on subject by Dip Corps.	1/27
	527	" 9	Account for salary (Duplicate).	1/27d

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George F. Seward	X	528	Dec. 9	Foochow. Refusal of Cons. at, to recognize Min's authority to appoint an Interpreter at. Correspondence bet Mr. De Lano and Mr. Cowles jr. whom Min. appt'd Interpreter inclosed. Mr. Seward has requested Consul to allow Mr. Cowles jr. to enter upon duties pending decision of question of Min.'s prerogative by Dept. Deprecates course of Consul. Requests issuance of a commission to Mr. Cheshire who has been appt'd Interpreter at Foochow and who is now acting as Consul at Canton. Refers to Legn.'s 514.	1/27
		529	" 9	Canton. Improper use of Chinese seal of Consulate at, by Interpreter reported. Intimations have reached Legn. during past 3 or 4 years that the Interpreter who is a Chinese cannot be relied on. Improper action of Interpreter was in support of a reprehensible transaction of the Consul who is now on leave. Acting Consul has been instructed to report fully on the case.	1/27
	X	530	" 10	Transit pass rules have been framed at some ports without reference to Consulates or Legations. Has instructed Consuls to refuse to assent to any transit-pass rules which have not received approval of Legn.	1/27
Chester Holcombe Sec.		—	" 10	Account.	1/27
George F. Seward	X	531	" 11	Lew Chewan question. History of relations bet China & Lew Chews. Nature of grievance which China has against Japan in consequence of the latter's taking possession of Lew Chews.	2/19
		532	" 13	Contingent allowance. Sets forth excess of expenditures over allowance for last three fiscal years. Amt of this excess is $531 16/100. Asks to be reimbursed.	2/19
	X	533	" 15	Lew Chewan question. Correspondence bet China & Japan in regard to, enclosed. Conversation which Mr. Seward has had with Ministers of Chinese For. Office. Comments on course of Japan. Prospects for mediation.	2/19
		534	" 15	Canton. Improper use of Chinese seal of Consulate at, by the Interpreter. Learns unofficially that Acting Consul has removed the Interpreter and that Cons. Genl at Shanghai has approved the removal. Probably inadvisable for Mr. Lincoln to return to Canton as consul.	2/19
	X	535	" 16	Claims of U.S. citizens vs. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Dept.'s 314 respecting claim of A.A. Fisher sent to Cons Genl.	2/19
	X	536	" 19	Lew Chewan question. Proposal of China to submit it to Genl. Grant. Mediation or arbitration? Legn. embarrassed. Suggestions which Mr. Seward has instructed Sec. of Legn. to make to Chinese For. Office. China has concluded to propose to Japan withdrawal of correspondence which had passed between them.	2/19
	X	537	" 23	Judicial. Lack of comity on part of British Court at Shanghai towards U.S. Court. British Min. has not yet addressed British Court on subject but will do so at once. Refers to Legn's 484.	2/19
	X	538	" 24	Lew Chewan question. Refers to Legn.'s 536 & transmits minute of conversation bet Sec. of Legn. & ministers of Chinese For. Office. Thinks that if China's negotiations with Japan proceed favorably she will ask U.S. to mediate.	2/19
		539	" 25	Clerical force of Legn. Insufficiency of. Urges appt'mt of a second secretary at $2500 per annum. Legn. is now & has been for the past year obliged to employ a copying clerk. Expense of this employment is an unjust burden upon Legn.	2/19
Chester Holcombe		—	" 26	Account (Duplicate).	2/19
George F. Seward		Tel.	" 26	Foochow Interpreter case. "Please cable Bailey decision Cowles case"	2/19
		540	" 26	Foochow Interpreter case. His reason for sending his telegram of even date.	2/19
		541	" 27	Trade grievances. For. Reps. ask Chinese Ministers for a conference on this topic. Chinese Mins. request a little delay.	2/19
	X	542	" 27	Transit pass rules established at certain ports without having been submitted to Legations. Remonstrances addressed by For. Reps to Chinese Mins, & reply of latter stating that enquiry will be instituted encls. Reply of the Chinese Mins. unsatisfactory.	2/19

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George F. Seward	543	Dec. 27	New Chwang. Resignation of Mr. Knight as Consul at. Commendation of Mr. Knight's services. Dept. should address him a letter of thanks Mr. Bandinel who has been acting as Consul at New Chwang for nearly 3 years should be appt.d as Mr. Knight's successor. Interpreters to consulates should be Americans & should be advanced to Consular positions.	3/19
Chester Holcombe, Sec.		" 31	Account.	3/19 d
George F. Seward	544	" 27	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. For.n Office has assented to enforcement of rules for, proposed by Foreign Reps.	3/15
	545	" 29	Canton. Reasons why Mr. Lincoln should be removed from office as Cons at. Copy of contract made by him with local authorities for purchase of arms enclosed. Transmits note to For.n Office exonerating U.S. from responsibility with respect to this contract and stating that U.S. must regard Mr. Lincoln's course with disfavor.	3/15
	546	" 30	Canton. Charges of misconduct preferred agt. Interpreter at. Forwards with comment correspondence on subject which tends to show that Consul Lincoln is an inefficient officer. Removal of Cons. Lincoln from office requested	3/15
	547	" 31	Refers to Legn.'s 543 Interference of U.S. officials bet. Chinese authorities & Chinese subjects. Instruction to Consul at Foochow agt. such interference enclosed.	3/15
	548	" 31	Enclosure No 13 to Legn.'s No 546 transmitted.	3/15
	549	Jany 5 1880	319-323 received.	3/15
	550	" 7	Foochow interpreter case. Letter to Consul Genl. at Shanghai holding that interpreters should be commissioned officers and not as Cons. at Foochow contends, creatures of consuls. Reform of consular service.	3/15
	Tel.	" 7	Canton "Better replace Lincoln. Suggest Shepard for Canton;" "Pethick, Hankow. 323 received. Advice by mail."	
	551	" 8	Judicial systems of Gt. Britain, France, & the U.S. Steps taken to report on, in compliance with Dept.'s 321. U.S. system superior to the others. Difficulties do not result from defects in the system but from defects in its administration.	3/15
	552	" 9	Lew Chewan question. No. 323 received. Reports steps taken in pursuance of it. U.S. Min. at Tokei & Dept. have misunderstood application made by Chinese envoy at Tokei. It was not intended as an application for good offices of the U.S.	3/15
	553	" 9	Canton. Gives text of his telegram of 7th inst. Amplifies its contents. Encs note from For.n Office stating that Viceroy at Canton has been instructed to report respecting contract made with Consul Lincoln.	3/15
	554	" 10	Trade bet. U.S. & China. Reports steps taken to obtain data for a report respecting importation of American cotton goods into China.	3/15
	555	" 10	War power of China. Reports steps taken to enable him to report on.	3/15
	556	" 12	Punishment of Yakoot Begg's children. Reports efforts of British & Russian Ministers to procure mitigation of, & their success. Yakoot Begg was the most eminent of all Central Asian rulers.	3/15
	557	" 12	Political. Negotiations bet. Russia & China for restoration of province of Kuldja to the latter. Antecedents of these negotiations. Degradation of Chinese Min to Russia who recently concluded with Russia a treaty on subject unsatisfactory to China. Trial of the Minister.	3/15
	558	" 13	Passenger traffic bet China & Hawaii & China & U.S. Chinese steamers are likely to enter into competition in.	3/15
	559	" 14	Claim of S.B. Quick vs. China for wreck & plunder of a small vessel in 1863. Legn. has referred it to Cons. Genl. at Shanghai for report.	3/15
	560	" 16	Passenger traffic. Refers to Legn.'s 555, & China disfavors emigration of her subjects to Hawaii it is probable that no more Chinese steamers will go to Hawaii.	3/15
	561	" 15	Judicial procedure in mixed cases. Letter from U.S. Consul at Osaka & Hiogo endorsing Mr. Seward's recommendations on subject cited.	3/15
	562	" 16	Lew Chewan question. China is very much gratified at equitable & friendly sentiments cont.d in Dept.'s 323. She now desires to propose to Japan mediation of the U.S. but having proposed arbitration by Genl. Grant she has to await Japan's reply to this proposition	

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Geo. F. Seward	563	Jany 16	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. Note from For. Office stating that instructions will be issued for enforcement of rules for.	3/15
Chester Holcombe, Lee.	—	" 20	Account (Duplicate).	3/15 d
Geo. F. Seward	564	" 20	Harbor improvement at Shanghai. For. Reps. assent to new rules for, and instruct Consuls to cooperate with local authorities in enforcing them.	4/2
	565	" 20	Lighthouses, buoys, & beacons of China. List of, for 1880 transmitted.	4/2
	566	" 22	Shooting case on the upper Yangtze river. A missionary's wife shoots a musket at a crowd & wounds a boy. For. Office complains. Legn. instructs Consul at Hankow to report.	4/2
	567	" 23	Judicial procedure question. Note from For. Office stating in reply to note of Dip. Corps that question has been referred to Southern Superintendent of Trade.	4/2
	568	" 24	College of foreign languages & sciences established at Peking by Chinese Govt. Catalogue & historical summary of same. Commendation of Dr. Martin a U.S. citizen who is Head of this college.	4/2
	569	" 26	India. Financial condition of. Speech of Hon John Bright on subject enclosed. Mr. Bright omits to mention the principal cause of the unsatisfactoriness of India's financial condition which is the enforcement upon her by Gt. Britain of free trade & this will eventually bring about a rebellion.	4/2
Tel.	—	" 26	Resignation. I cannot resign. If my tenure causes embarrassment let President appoint successor. Please cable decision.	4/2
	570	" 27	Account for rent enclosed.	4/2
	571	" 28	Telegrams. Statement of cost of enclosed. Authority to draw for the amount requested.	4/2
	572	" 28	Assault upon Rev. Mr. Sites an American near Foochow. Account of. Note to For. Office requesting punishment of the assaulters & protection of Americans in their right to visit the locality where the assault occurred, enld.	4/2
	573	" 29	Confiscation of copper at Ningpo belonging to Messrs Bit & Co. Consul reports settlement of this case by Messrs Bit & Co with local authorities, and Legn. informs For. Office of the settlement.	4/2
	574	" 29	Canton. Further information has been received at Legn. which shows that Consul Lincoln in making a gun contract with local authorities acted in violation of law & regulations. Local authorities hold the Consulate responsible for the fulfilment of the contract.	4/2
	575	" 29	Russia & China. Negotiations for retrocession of province of Kuldja to China. Treaty made by Chung How has been referred to a high council and Chung How has been turned over to the Board of Punishments. Feeling is general that Chung How is being harshly dealt with. Refers to Legn.'s 557	
Chester Holcombe	—	" 29	Leave of absence for 6 months with permission to visit the U.S. requested.	4/2
George F. Seward	576	" 30	Foochow. Reports that Consul at, still declines to recognize Legn.'s appointment of J. P. Cowles jr. as interpreter and that he refuses to comply with an instruction of Legn. as to his correspondence.	4/2
	577	" 30	Consular correspondence. Circular issued by Legn. to Consuls instructing them as to transmission of copies of correspondence to Legn. enclosed. Approval of it by Dept. requested.	4/2
	578	" 30	Russia & China. Kuldja question. British newspaper article enld.	4/2
	579	" 30	Commercial grievances. Refers to Legn.'s 510 & 541 and encloses note from For. Office in reply to one from Dip Corps rel. to. It adheres to positions taken in the circular to issued to Chinese Ministers abroad in 1878, but declares willingness to discuss trade questions with Dip Corps.	4/2
	580	" 31	Opium trade of China. British newspaper article misinterpreting the Chefoo convention enclosed. Foreign policy in regard to China's opium trade should be one of non interference. Complaints of China are of doubtful sincerity in view of the fact that the production of the drug in China is unrestricted & is increasing.	4/2
	581	Feb 2	324 & circ. of Nov. 22 received.	4/2
	582	" 2	Opium trade of China. Refers to his #580 and concludes upon further reflection that the newspaper article may be right. If so, he will inform British Min & Chinese Govt. that U.S. will extremely disfavor any arrangement depriving China of ability to deal with the drug as she may see fit after it gets into hands of Chinese.	4/2

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George F. Seward	583	Feb. 2	Cotton goods trade (American) with China. Report of Consul at Tientsin on, transmitted with comments.	4/2
	584	" 3	Secretary of Legn. Approves request of, for leave of absence. Instructions as to filling vacancy in Secretaryship during Mr. Holcombe's absence requested.	4/2
	585	" 4	Account for salary for quarter ended Dec. 31, 1879.	4/2
	586	" 6	Russia & China. Life of Chung How the Chinese negotiator of the unsatisfactory Kuldja treaty being in danger. For. Repr. address Chinese Govt. with a view to saving Chung's life. Copy of Mr. Seward's note enclosed with comments.	4/26
	587	" 6	Foochow. Has learned that Mr. Cowles, with interpreter by Legn. has assumed duties as Acting Interpreter at. Urges that Interpreters be commissioned. Refers to previous correspondence. Presumes that Consul De Lano followed Legn.'s advice.	4/26
	588	" 6	Assault upon Revd. Mr. Sites, an American, near Foochow. Refers to Legn.'s 572 & encs. further correspondence with For. Office & an instruction to Cons. at Foochow on the subject.	4/2
	589	" 9	Russia & China. Threatened killing of Chung How. Refers to Legn.'s 586 and transmits notes of British, German, & French Mins. to For. Office urging that Chung's life be spared.	4/26
	590	" 9	Correspondence bet. Consuls & Chinese officials. Form of. Consul at Foochow complains of designation by the Chinese of their communications as instructions. Mr. Seward informs Consul that this objectionable designation has been remonstrated agt. by Dip. Corps.	4/26
	591	" 10	Trade grievances. Dip. Corps has a requested an interview with Minister For. Affs. of China rel. to. Remedial measures which Mr. Seward intends to submit to his colleagues as proper ones to be asked for.	4/26
	592	" 11	Account for rent (Duplicate).	4/26
	593	" 13	Assault upon Revd. Mr. Sites, an American, near Foochow. Correspondence with Consul De Lano enclosed. Unfriendly feeling toward foreigners in province of Fukien. Right of missionaries to reside in the interior of China.	4/26
	594	" 14	Likin taxation. Case of, at Foochow. Report on, by Consul De Lano transmitted with comments.	4/26
	595	" 14	Transit pass system of China. Its evasions of treaty stipulations. Commends a report made by Cons. at Hankow on subject & instructs said Consul to furnish, what evidence he can, respecting irregularities practiced in furtherance of the system in question.	4/26
	596	" 16	Revision of China's Treaties. Report of Cons. at Ningpo on Chinese circular of 1878 transmitted with commendation & explanation.	4/26
	597	" 20	325-328 & circ. of Nov. 26 received.	4/26
	598	" 20	Labor of Chinese in foreign countries. Newspaper article on subject enclosed. Mr. Seward concurs in the article's conclusion that Chinese labor cannot successfully compete with white labor.	4/26
	599	" 20	India. Euphrates Valley railway route to. Newspaper articles on subject enclosed.	
	600	" 21	Education (Western). Progress of, in China. Report on. Government patronage. Hopeful view of the future of China despite all her conservatism.	4/26
	601	" 23	Russia & China. Case of Chung How. Gives account of the analogous case of Ki Ying in 1858. Ki Ying in lieu of being decapitated was allowed to strangle himself.	4/26
	602	" 23	Fog & Alphabet signal systems (Com. Beaumont's). Mr. Seward did not submit same to Chinese govt. because it has uniformly declined to adopt such systems. Will submit them if an opportunity occurs. Reply to 325	4/26
	603	" 23	Chinkiang. Appmt. of a Vice Cons. at unnecessary. Merchants should not be appted. to consular positions in China. Reply to 327.	4/26
	604	" 23	Foreign Office of China. Reappointment of Li Hung Tsao as a member of, reported	4/26
	605	" 23	Russia & China. Case of Chung How. Note from For. Office in reply to remonstrance of Dip. Corps stating that the case is before a council and expressing hope that a satisfactory decision will be rendered.	4/26
	606	" 23	Russia & China. Imperial decrees rejecting the Kuldja treaty and for reopening of negotiations with Russia & turning Chung How over to an extraordinary Council for trial for violating his instructions.	4/26

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China from page 1140			1880		
Mr F. Seward	X	607	Feb 21	Interference of US. officials bet. Chinese authorities & Chinese subjects. Refers to Legn.'s 547 & encs. note of complaint from For. Office and Legn.'s reply thereto. Case of a missionary's teacher. Has renewed instruction to Cons. at Foochow not to interpose.	4/26
		608	" 25	Account for salary (Duplicate).	4/26
		609	" 27	Account for repair of Legation premises.	4/26
		610	" 27	Passport returns.	4/26
		611	" 27	Woosung Bar. Scheme for raising funds for the improvement of, has met with favor at Shanghai. Encs correspondence & a newspaper article. Refers to his 522.	4/26
		612	" 28	Education of Chinese abroad. Newspaper article on subject sued. Consuls instructed to report what is being done at their ports in this matter.	4/26
	✓	613	Mar. 1	Interference of US. officials bet. Chinese authorities & Chinese subject. Case of a missionary's teacher at Foochow. Satisfaction of For. Office with Mr. Seward's course. Refers to his 547 & 607 & encs. Further correspondence with Cons. at Foochow.	4/26
	✓	614	" 1	Emigration of Chinese to Cuba & Hawaii. China is opposed to.	4/26
		615	" 2	Canton. Arms contract made by Cons. at, with local authorities. Latter seeking to have consulate become responsible for execution of the contract. Mr. Seward instructs Acting Consul not to commit Consulate to any responsibility in this matter.	4/26
	✓	616	" 2	Assault upon Rev. Mr. Sites, an American, near Foochow. China admits right of US. to expect that steps will be taken to bring about better treatment of missionaries in Yenping & Kienning. Correspondence with Cons. at Foochow enclosed.	4/26
	X	617	" 7	Civil suits brought by Americans agt. Chinese. Right of Consuls to be present at hearing of. Case of Russell & Co at Kiaktow. Has again asked For. Office to send instructions to have the case tried in accordance with treaty and For. Office has promised to do so.	4/26
		618	" 8	Russia & China. Case of Chung Hou. He has been sentenced to decapitation. This result brought about by intrigue of the political party in China hostile to foreigners. Father of the present Emperor belongs to this party and was one of Chung Hou's judges. Account of selection of the present heir to the throne. The different princes. The Regents.	4/26
	X	619	" 9	Hostility to foreigners in China as evidenced by the sentence passed upon Chung Hou. Precautionary measures taken by Mr. Seward in view of, for protection of Americans. Letters to Admiral Patterson & Commander Green enclosed.	4/26
		620	" 10	Foochow. Has been furnished with copy of Dept.'s telegram confirming his apptmt. of J. P. Cowles jr as interpreter at, by Cons Genl. at Shanghai.	4/26
		621	" 10	Foochow interpretership. Mr. Cheshire does not wish to vacate it. Urges that a commission as Interpreter be sent Mr. Cheshire and that Interpreters be treated by Dept. as officers of the govt. and not as employés of Consuls	4/26
		622	" 12	329 & 330 received.	4/26
	X	623	" 16	Tonnage duties, proposed to be levied at Foochow & Chefoo on cargo-boats in contravention of treaty. Opposition of Dip. Corps reported. For. Office enquiring into the matter. Circular instructing Consuls to resist levy, enclosed.	5/11
		624	" 16	Cotton factory enterprise at Shanghai has been abandoned. Chinese not likely to enter soon upon manufacture of cotton goods after foreign methods.	5/11
	X	625	" 16	Claim of S. B. Quick vs. China for wreck & plunder of his vessel in 1863, has been withdrawn by claimant. Refers to Legn.'s 559	5/11
		626	" 16	Shooting affair on the upper Yangtze river which China has complained of. Refers to Legn.'s 566 & gives substance of an exculpatory account of the affair received from Cons at Hankow.	5/11
		627	" 16	Passenger traffic in Chinese steamers. Cannot say whether it will be continued. Not likely that said steamers will take part in such traffic bet. China & California.	5/11

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James B. Angell.		Tel.	Mar. 17	Apptmt. as Min. to China. "Essential that it be made to appear clearly in the title that the appointment is for special exigency. If so I concur. Expect letter Saturday."	
George F. Seward	18?	627	" 17	Abduction of a Chinese woman by an American, J. H. Burnett, near Wenchow. Consul at Ningpo goes to Wenchow in U.S. "Monocacy" "to take such action as may be necessary.	J/11
	X	629	" 18	Lew Chewan question. Encs. letter from U.S. Min. at Tokei stating that Japan does not consider that occasion for mediation has yet arisen.	J/11
	X	630	" 18	Claims of Chinese in the U.S. agt. Chinese in China. Acting Consul at Canton has been instructed by Legation not to assist in collection of. Consul Lincoln has presented such claims officially to the Viceroy.	J/11
	X	631	" 20	Judicial procedure in mixed cases. Circular to Consuls informing them that Dept. has approved Legn.'s circular of 6th Nov. last enclosed	J/11
		632	" 20	Commercial grievances. No action taken by Dip. Corps for remedy of subsequent to date of Legn.'s 591. Will urge further action.	J/11
	X	633	" 20	Judicial procedure. Mr. Seward has received no expression regarding his memoranda on subject from U.S. Min. at Tokei. Thinks Mr. Bingham does not favor exterritoriality. Intends to furnish Dept. with extracts from Chinese laws which U.S. could not subject its citizens to.	J/11
		634	" 20	331-339 received.	J/11
		635	" 20	Claims of U.S. citizens vs. China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Vouchers for payments made are on file in Legn. Asks whether they should be sent to Dept.	J/11
	X	636	" 20	Emigration of Chinese to U.S. Statistics rel. to, furnished. Has applied to Cons. at Hong Kong for statistics on subject.	J/11
		637	" 20	Brazilian Embassy to China. Will extend it a friendly welcome and moral support. It will not accomplish emigration of Chinese to Brazil unless Brazil establishes a line of emigrant ships and transports emigrants at a very low cost.	J/11
	X	638	" 20	Claim of W. H. Besse & others, owners of the "Forest Belle" vs. China for loss of that vessel. Gratified at Dept.'s approval of his views on subject, which coincide with those of Mr. Denny. Has advised Mr. Denny of this approval.	J/11
	X	639	" 20	Judicial procedure. Prospects for reform at Shanghai in the matter of judicial procedure favorable, but For. Office has made no reply to propositions of dip. Corps. Newspaper article enclosed.	J/11
		640	" 20	Missionary trouble at Peking. Natives insist upon the Methodist Mission vacating property held by it in the native part of the city, & offer other property in exchange. Mr. Seward has advised the Mission to accept any reasonable proposal which the natives may advance. Correspondence encld.	J/11
		641	" 22	Cotton & woolen mills (Chinese) in China. Nos. names of. Newspaper articles encld.	J/11
	X	642	" 27	Assault upon Revd. Mr. Sites an American near Foochow. Complains of failure of Cons. at Foochow to furnish Legn. with copies of correspondence bet. the consulate & local authorities. Has advised the Cons. that his position, to the effect that American missionaries have right to reside in the interior of China, is untenable.	J/11
	X	643	" 27	Tonnage duties proposed to be levied at Foochow & Chefoo on cargo boats. Encs. note from For. Office maintaining right of China to levy same though stating that this right will not be enforced, but that registration rules for cargo boats are necessary & will be framed & submitted to Dip. Corps.	J/11
		644	" 27	Harbor conservation at Shanghai. Gratification of Shanghai Chamber of Commerce at Mr. Seward's action for.	G/8
		645	" 27	Canton. Information furnished respecting arms contract made by Consul Lincoln with the local authorities.	G/8
		646	" 29	Missionary trouble at Peking. Settlement of, likely to be effected in a day or two. Conciliatory conduct of the Missionaries commended.	G/8
		647	" 29	Abduction of a Chinese woman by an American, J. H. Burnett, near Wenchow. Newspaper article reporting that Consul at Ningpo has tried Burnett & found him guilty & that Burnett has appealed encld.	G/8

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George F. Seward	648	Mar 30	Political situation at Peking more tranquil but danger to foreigners not yet passed. Letter to Admr. Patterson requesting him to have his vessel so placed as to be available in case of need.	6/8
	649	" 31	Emigration of Chinese to Peru. Chinese views of Olyphant & Co's enterprise. Old prejudice on account of coolie trade & imprudence of Olyphant & Co caused failure of the enterprise.	6/8
Chester Holcombe	—	Apl. 1	Account.	6/8
George F. Seward	650	" 1	Judicial procedure in mixed cases. Reply of For. Office to note addressed to it by Dip Corps last Nov. respecting Mixed Court at Shanghai enclosed with comments. The reply is not satisfactory but not entirely unsatisfactory. Further steps will be taken by Dip Corps.	6/8
	651	" 1	Pisicultural Exhibition at Berlin. Catalogue of Chinese exhibit at, encld.	6/8
	652	" 3	Account for contingencies.	6/8
	653	" 7	Judicial procedure. Mixed court at Shanghai. Dip Corps has selected Mr. Seward to urge upon Chinese For. Office more favorable consideration of the subject than was manifested in recent note from For. Office. Refers to his 650	6/8
	654	" 7	Tonnage duty on cargo boats. Dip. Corps address For. Office denying right of China to impose said duty. Note enclosed.	6/8
	655	" 7	Commercial grievances. Dip Corps has again asked For. Office to designate a time for conference on subject.	6/8
	656	" 7	Foreigners in China. Unfriendliness of Chinese towards. Disturbance at Chinkiang. Correspondence enclosed.	6/8
	657	" 10	340-342 & Circ. of Feb. 11 received.	6/8
	658	" 14	Shanghai & Tientsin. Reports obtainment of recognition of Mr. Denny & Mr. Pethick as Cons. Genl. & Cons. at, respectively.	6/8
	659	" 14	Interference of U.S. officials bet. Chinese authorities & Chinese subjects. Case of a missionary's teacher at Foochow. Letter from Consul at Foochow enclosed. Mr. Seward deprecates course pursued by Consul.	6/8
	660	" 15	German treaty with China. Revision of. New treaty signed. It does not touch the Transit Pass or Likin Taxation questions. Copy will be forwarded to Dept.	6/8
	661	" 19	Judicial procedure. Mixed court at Shanghai. Refers to his 653 & reports his representations to For. Office. Matter to be again referred to Provincial authorities. Dip. Corps approves Mr. Seward's course at For. Office & is considering what instructions to send to Consuls.	6/8
	662	" 20	Account for expense for copying enclosed. Authority to draw requested.	6/8
	663	" 22	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	6/8
Chester Holcombe	—	" 22	Account (Duplicate).	6/8
George F. Seward	664	" 22	Real estate in a certain part of Foochow. Rules prohibiting acquisition of, by foreigners, submitted to Legns. by For. Office for enforcement, enclosed. Mr. Seward proposes to refuse to assent to their enforcement. Grounds for refusal. Consul at Foochow declines to enforce the rules and Mr. Seward approves Consul's action. Mr. Seward will consult his colleagues	6/8
John A. Swift	Tel	" 18	Visit to Washington. Expects to reach Washington on 26 inst.	
George F. Seward	665	" 23	Trade grievances. Report to conference of Dip. Corps with the Ministers of the For. Office on subject and arrangement for further full conferences. Proposals of Dip. Corps and reply of the Corps to Chinese proposals.	6/14
	666	" 24	Currency used for payment of Chinese Customs dues— one of the grievances referred to in Legn.'s #665. Views of Mr. Seward on subject of reform of. Dip. Corps division of court giving members of the Corps.	6/14
	667	" 27	343-346 received? approves them and they are to be submitted to China for adoption.	6/14
	668	" 27	Lew Chewan question. Chinese govt. understood Mr. Seward's advice on subject to be purely personal & unofficial. Reply to #346.	6/14
	669	" 27	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kee Jee" Erroneous history of, contained in Dept.'s 341. Instructions as to amt. of principal, & rate of interest, to be demanded requested. Exorbitancy of the claim. From what date should interest be paid? Return to China of the unexpended balance of Chinese Indemnity. Representations respecting the "Kee Jee" & "Wars" claims should be made to Chinese Legn. in Wash.	6/8

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James B. Angell	Tel.	Apl. 25	Visit to Wash[n] to meet Commd. Swift. "If final instructions can be given now	
Chester Holcombe, Sec	—	Apl. 29	will arrive Friday morning; otherwise prefer to wait. Please inform me." Slanderous remarks concerning him which have been published as emanating from Consul at Hong Kong. Groundlessness of them. Disavowal or retraction of them by Cons. Morby requested.	6/14
George F. Seward	670	" 29	Minchow. For[n] Office complains of failure of U.S. to appoint a Consul at, & Mr. Seward replies that there is no necessity for such appointment yet.	6/14
	671	" 29	Assault upon Rev[d] Mr. Sites an American near Foochow. Note to For[n] Office arguing the case in full & contending for reparation & for securement to foreigners of enjoyment of ~~their treaty~~ rights.	6/14
	672	May 1	Trade grievances. Official minute of proceedings of the conference referred to in Legn.'s 665, encld.	6/14
	673	" 1	Transit Pass Rules for exports, drawn up by German Minister, approved by Dip. Corps & to be submitted to China for adoption enclosed. These are intended to remedy one of the trade grievances referred to in Legn.'s 665.	6/14
	674	" 1	Emigration statistics.	6/14
	675	" 1	Claim of owners of the "Forest Belle" v. China. Expenses incurred by Cons. at Tientsin in investigation of. Mr. Denny, the Consul, has not yet presented vouchers. Mr. Seward will not feel at liberty to make any payments to Mr. D. after close of current fiscal year.	6/14
	676	" 3	Trade statistics transmitted.	6/14
John F. Swift	—	" 4	Commission received. Oath enclosed. Was born in Missouri.	
Wm Henry Trescot	—	" 4	Commission received. Oath enclosed. Was born in South Carolina.	
George F. Seward	Tel.	" 12	"When will Angell sail."	
Wm Henry Trescot	—	" 4	Secretary (Private). Allowance for travelling expenses of his son as requested.	7/4
George F. Seward	677	" 4	Woosung Bar. Proposal of residents of Shanghai that export & import duties be increased one per cent. for the purpose of defraying expense of dredging of, reported with commendation. Probable opposition on part of China.	6/30
	678	" 5	Interpreter at Shanghai. Resignation of Mr. Maclay as, reported. Refers to previous despatches and renews recommendations respecting new interpreter-system.	6/30
	679	" 6	Missionary trouble at Peking. Satisfactory settlement of, reported	6/30
	680	" 6	Account for rent.	6/30
	681	" 6	Currency question. Discussion of, with Ministers of the For[n] Office reported	6/30
	682	" 6	Germany & China Revision of treaty by. New treaty enclosed with comments and commendation.	6/30
	683	" 8	Russia & China. Negotiations between. Kuldja question. Efforts in behalf of Chung How. Reparations for war. Mr. Seward does not regard the situation as critical.	6/30
	684	" 8	Assault upon Rev[d] Mr. Sites an American near Foochow. Refers to Legn.'s 671 & encs. note to For[n] Office contending that its inaction amounts to a denial of justice, & asking that stringent instructions be issued.	6/30
	685	" 12	Account for rent (Duplicate).	7/13
	686	" 13	Account for contingencies.	7/13
	687	" 20	Customs Gazette for quarter ended March 31. 1880 transmitted.	7/13
	688	" 24	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	7/13
	689	" 24	Marriage certificate transmitted. Chauncey Goodrich & Sarah B. Clopp.	7/13
	690	" 24	347-357 received.	7/13
Wm Henry Trescot	—	" 18	2 received	
James B. Angell	Tel.	" 19	Visit to Wash[n] Probably unable to reach Wash[n] before 26[th] inst.	
	Tel.	" 20	Visit to Wash[n] Unavoidable business detention. Will reach 200 G. St. Tuesday morning.	
George F. Seward	691	" 24	Assault upon Rev[d] Mr. Sites an American near Foochow. Refers to Legn.'s 671 & 684 & encs. reply of For[n] Office to Legn.'s notes. Satisfactory action taken by For[n] Office.	7/13
	692	" 27	Intercourse (official) bet. consular officers & provincial authorities. Superstitious forms employed by the provincial authorities. Unsatisfactory reply of For[n] Office to representations of Dip. Corps on subject encld.	7/13
	693	" 27	Wharfage dues scheme at Chinkiang. Mr. Seward endorses Consul Scruggs' disapproval of. Correspondence enclosed.	7/13

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George F. Seward		694	May 29	Thanks of Italian Min. for courtesies extended to the Duke of Genoa by Consul Shepard at Hankow.	7/13
	X	695	" 31	Transit-pass rules (Outward). Refers to Legn.'s 673. For. Office sees no objection to the rules proposed by German Min. but will immediately enquire views of Supt. Ctms. of Trade. Instructions respecting these rules invited by Mr. Seward.	7/13
	X	696	" 31	Real estate in a certain part of Foochow. Proposed restrictions upon acquisition of, by foreigners. Refers to Legn.'s 664 & encs further despatch from Cons. De Lano. Note to For. Office protesting agt. the restrictions proposed, enclosed.	7/13
	X	697	" 31	Passport. Punishment of an American for traveling in Szchuen without, requested by For. Office. Note making the request & Legn.'s reply intimating that the request is absurd, enclosed.	7/13
	X	698	" 31	Judicial procedure question. Mixed Court at Shanghai: Letter from Dean of the Dip. Corps commending Mr. Seward's representations to For. Office as evincing care & industry. Refers to Legn.'s 650, 653, 661	7/13
James B. Angell	—		" 31	Expenses of visits to Washn. Asks if Dept will reimburse him for.	
John F. Swift		1st	June 1	Voyage to China. Excellent accommodations secured Oceanic 17th for the Commission	
Wm. Henry Trescot			" 1	Compensation. Wishes in regard to reception of his. Estimate of travelling expenses for self & son. Drafts for travelling expenses.	
George F. Seward	X	699	" 1	Abduction of a Chinese woman by an American J. H. Burnett case tried by Consul at Ningpo with three naval officers as associates. Consul held Burnett as guilty, Associates disagreed. A new trial to be ordered because the court was not legally constituted	8/2
	X	700	" 5	Passport. Punishment of Dr. Macgowan an American for travelling in Szchuen without a passport. Refers to 697 & encloses correspondence with foreign office. Has requested in cases where passports are lost that local authorities furnish some sort of safe conduct	8/2
	X	701	" 5	Real estate in a certain part of Foochow. Rules proposed by local authorities to prohibit the purchase or lease of by foreigners. Refers to 696. Minister again declines to accept the regulations	8/2
		702	" 9	358-367 received	8/2
		703	" 9	Passports issued during 1879 list of enclosed	8/2
		704	" 10	War power of China, including the condition of the army & navy & of the forts, arsenals & training establishments. Reports of various Consular officers	8/2
		705	" 11	Education of Chinese in foreign branches. Refers to his 600 and, encloses report of Consular officers respecting institutions of learning in their district	8/2
		706	" 12	Cotton goods trade (American) with China. Reports of Consular officers as to the condition & prospects of the trade	8/2
	X	707	" 12	Judicial procedure. Mixed courts at Shanghai. Refers to his No 661 & encloses note from Italian Minister approving of Mr Seward's course	8/2
Wm. Henry Trescot		Tel	" 17	Departure of the Commission for China. Sails on 19th inst. from San Francisco. Other two Commrs. have received instructions, "were none sent to me? None came. Was nothing done about the fisheries?"	
James B. Angell	—		" 18	Letter of credits returned signed. Instructions rec'd. Commn. sails June 19th	6/25
George F. Seward		708	" 19	Assault upon Revd. Mr. Cites an American near Foochow. Transmits further correspondence with Consul De Lano on subject	8/27
		709	" 19	Medical reports of China transmitted.	8/27
		710	" 21	Woosung bar. Reports steps taken for improvement of.	8/27
		711	" 29	368-375 circ of Apl. 30 received.	8/27
		712	" 29	Trade returns of China transmitted.	8/27
		713	" 29	Assault upon Revd. Mr. Cites an American near Foochow. Further instruction to Consul De Lano and note of complaint to For. Office enclosed	8/27
		714	" 30	Account for salary.	8/27
Chester Holcombe	—		" 30	Account for salary. Difficulty experienced by Mr. Holcombe on account of gain by exchange. Relief requested.	8/27

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George F. Seward	715	June 3	Abduction of a woman (Chinese) by an American named Burnett. Refers to previous correspondence & reports escape of Burnett from custody owing to refusal of Cons. Genl. at Shanghai to allow him to be placed in jail at Shanghai. Steps taken for rearrest. Satisfactory explanation made to For. Office. Cons. Genl. should be instructed by Dept. that his course was erroneous.	8/27
	716	July 3	Canton. Consul Lincoln has reinstated Yü C. Cheung as Interpreter at. Mr. Seward has instructed Consul to dismiss Yü C. Cheung. Mr. Lincoln not disposed to comply with this instruction.	8/27
	717	" 5	Passport case of Dr. Macgowan. Note from For. Office declining to modify present regulations in cases in which passports are lost or mislaid. As original complaint has been passed over by For. Office Legn. will not pursue discussion further.	8/27
	718	" 5	Russia & China. Relations between. Death sentence passed upon Chung Hou has been remitted. Victory over the anti foreign members of the Council. Prospects favorable for peace.	8/27
	719	" 6	Correspondence with Chinese authorities. Reports conditional approval of proposition of Cons. at Ningpo to address Chinese authorities in the English language.	8/27
	720	" 6	Account for telegrams. Advice of draft.	8/27
	721	" 7	Assault upon Revd Mr. Sites an American near Foochow. Refers to his 713 & transmits a satisfactory note recd from For. Office	8/27
	722	" 7	Stationery & seal requested.	8/27
	723	" 7	Real estate in a certain part of Foochow. Rules prohibiting acquisition of, by foreigners have been put in force despite protest of Consular Corps. Action on part of Dip. Corps required but will probably be somewhat delayed. Correspondence with Cons De Lano sent.	8/27
	724	" 8	Tientsin. Resignation of Mr Pethick Vice Consul & Interpreter at. Commendation of Mr Pethick. Regrets that the Govt is to lose his services. French Consul to take charge of U.S. consulate at Tientsin temporarily.	8/27
	725	" 10	Account for rent.	8/27
	726	" 10	Russia & China. Relations between. Note to For. Office expressing gratification of the U.S. at the remission of death sententence passed upon Chung Hou.	8/27
	727	" 10	Assault upon Revd Mr. Sites near Foochow. Refers to his 721 & encs. note to For. Office, correcting misapprehension on its part as to procedure which should be followed at Foochow.	8/27
Chester Holcombe	—	" 14	Account.	9/15
George F. Seward	728	" 14	Account for rent.	9/15
	729	" 14	Accounts for salary.	9/15
	730	" 14	Accounts. Explains that expenses incurred by Consulate Genl on acct. of Legation are not properly chargeable agt. Legn.'s contingent allowance. Reply to No 356.	9/15
	731	" 17	Tientsin. French Consul has assumed duties of U.S. Consulate at. Request that he be allowed regular compensation & contingent allowance.	9/15
	732	" 17	Financial information furnished in response to circulars of Feb. 11 & Apl. 30.	9/15
	733	" 22	Foochow. Has authorized U.S. Consul at, at request of German Consulate there to perform duties of German Consulate there temporarily	9/15
	734	" 23	Foochow. Regrets removal of Mr. De Lano as Consul at. Commends Mr. De Lano & urges retention of his services.	9/15
	735	" 24	Emigration of Chinese from Hong Kong to the U.S. During quarter ended June 30, 1880 there were 4091 male & 7 female adults & 44 boy emigrants.	9/15
	736	" 24	Judicial & Currency questions. For. Office is not ready to further discuss same at present	9/15
	737	" 26	Brazilian Embassy to China. Valedictory correspondence exchanged by Legn. with, sent.	9/15
	738	" 27	376-377 received. Erroneous numbering of Dept's instructions.	9/15
Chester Holcombe	—	" 28	Leave of absence. Requests Dept to Change its views as to duration of his leave and his compensation while on leave. Reply to instruction of Apl. 22d	9/15
George F. Seward	739	" 28	Trade grievances. Conversation bet. German Min. & Mins. of the For. Office reported. Result unsatisfactory. Delay.	9/15

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George F. Seward X	740	July 29	Assault upon Revd Mr. Sites near Foochow. Note from For. Office advising compliance with request of Legation reported in #727, encld.	9/15
James B. Angell	1	" 29	1, 5 & separate of June 4 received.	9/15
	2	" 29	Visits to Washington. Account for travelling expenses incurred by, encld. Advice of draft.	9/15
The Commission	1	Aug 2	Arrival of the Commission at Foochow. Thanks for courtesies of Rear Admi. Patterson & officers of his squadron. Mr. Angell goes to Peking in advance of other members of the Commission. Reasons therefor.	9/15
James B. Angell	Tel	" 5	Furniture for Legation. Authority to expend $300. for requested.	Legation unfurnished.
George F. Seward	741	" 10	Account for telegrams.	9/25
Wm N. Pethick	—	" 12	Appmt as Secretary to the Commission declined.	9/25
George F. Seward X	742	" 13	Russia & China. Relations between. Chung How has been granted an unconditional pardon. This will lessen difficulties in the way of a peaceful solution of questions. Mr. Seward expresses to For. Office gratification at reception of intelligence of Chung How's pardon	9/25
	743	" 16	Account for contingencies. Excess of expenditure over allowance. Authority to draw for the amount given requested.	Refer to L. 732. 10/12
	744	" 16	Retirement from duty as Minister reported. Legation turned over to Mr. Angell this day.	9/25
	745	" 16	Account for salary. Advice of draft. Passport fees turned over to his successor who will account for them	10/12
James B. Angell	1	" 16	Arrived at Peking on 9th inst. Assumed duties on 16th. Had to wait a few days for interview at For. Office.	9/25
	2	" 16	#12 received	9/25
	3	" 17	Furniture of Legation. Inventory of, encld.	9/25
	4	" 18	Customs Gazette transmitted.	9/25
	5	" 18	Texts of telegrams to & from Dept.	9/25
	6	" 18	Interview with Viceroy Li Hung Chang reported. Courtesies extended Mr. Angell by Admiral Patterson, & others. Cordiality of the Viceroy who is a very important personage. Valuable services of Mr. Holcombe who met Mr. Angell at Tientsin.	9/28
Chester Holcombe Secy	—	" 18	Account for copying expenses. Advice of draft.	9/25
James B. Angell	7	" 19	Archives of Legation. Excellent condition of.	9/25
Wm Henry Trescot	—	" 21	Difficulty attending attainment of accomodations for Mr Swift & Mr. Trescot in Peking set forth. Three gentlemen remain at Chefoo	9/25
James B. Angell	8	" 20	Correspondence with Chinese officials. Employment of English language by Consuls in. Such employment cannot go into effect at once. Action by Dip Corps necessary to have China do her translating herself. Correspondence with Consul Lord enclosed. Refers to Mr. Seward's 719	10/12
	✓ 9	" 20	Tonnage duty on cargo boats. Refers to Mr. Seward's 643 & 654 & encs. correspondence with Consul at Foochow. Mr. Angell endorses Mr. Seward's views.	10/12
	✓ 10	" 20	Real estate. Acquisition of, by foreigners in Foochow. Obstacles put in the way of, by Chinese authorities. Retaliatory measure proposed by Consul at Foochow. Mr. Angell leaves conduct of matter to discretion of Consul. Correspondence encls.	10/12
	11	" 26	13-16 received.	10/12
	12	" 26	Reception of Mr. Angell at For. Office on 16th inst. reported. Audience question is no longer agitated.	10/12
	13	" 26	Business of the Commission. Steps taken by Mr. Angell to have China appoint Commrs to treat with ours. Favorable action by For. Office. Negotiations to be conducted at Peking. Consequent gratification of Mr. Angell.	10/12
	14	" 28	Copy-right in China. Reply of Mr. Angell to enquiry addressed to him on subject by J. F. Wilbur, enclosed.	10/12
	15	" 28	Russia & China. Relations between. Situation still critical. China is now averse to war. It depends upon Russia whether there is to be war.	10/12
The Commission	2	" 28	Commodore Shufeldt. Question of attaching him to the Commission, submitted. Important interview between the Commodore & the Viceroy at Tientsin.	
	3	Sep. 9	Accommodations for the Commission in Peking. Expenses to be incurred. Premises of British Legation to be occupied by Commrs Swift & Trescot, no other quarters available. No charge for rent. Advice of drafts.	11/15
James B. Angell	16	" 20	Account for contingencies (Duplicate) [Mr. Seward's]	11/15
	17	" 20	Account for compensation (Duplicate) [Mr. Seward's]	11/15
The Commission	Tel.	" 15	Secretary & Interpreter necessary. Holcombe acting. We recommend his permanent appointment."	

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James B. Angell	18	Sep. 22	17-25 received.	11/15
	19	" 24	Transit compensation. Time for transit was unavoidably exceeded by Min. by 10 days. Compensation for this excess period requested.	11/15
	20	" 25	Furniture. Legation is need for, explained. Reply to 25.	11/15
The Commission	Tel.	" 23	Progress towards negotiations. Two influential members of the Privy Council have been appt'd by China as commissioners. Introductory interview had with Prince Kung. "We proceed at once to business."	
"	"	" 27	Progress of business. Arrival of the Commission at Peking on 19th inst. Called upon Viceroy at Tientsin. Courtesy of U.S. naval officers. Appt'mt. of Comm'rs by China to negotiate with U.S. Commissioners. Characters of the appointees. Employment of Mr. Holcombe by the Commission as Secretary & Interpreter. Confirms telegrams of 18th & 23d inst. to Dept.	11/15
	5	" 28	2 & 3 received.	11/15
James B. Angell	21	" 27	Corea. Is advised that efforts to communicate with, should be made at some other port than Fusan where there is a Japanese Consul who is putting obstacles in the way of the approach to Corea of any nation but his own.	11/15
	22	" 28	Passport case of Dr. Macgowan. Discussion was dropped by Mr. Seward. Refers to Mr. Seward's 77. Reply to 20.	11/15
	23	" 29	Copy of Mr. Seward's 55 transmitted. Reply to 19.	11/15
	24	Oct 4	Death of Spanish Minister at Peking reported. History of deceased.	12/4
	25	" 6	Pilotage Regulations. Proposed revision of. Circular to Consuls requesting their views on subject enclosed.	12/4
	26	" 6	Tientsin. Complimentary acknowledgment of courtesies of Mr. Dillon, the French & acting U.S. Consul at. Has sent Mr. Dillon copy of this despatch.	12/4
	27	" 8	26-28 received.	12/4
	28	" 9	Claim of the "Forest Belle" vs. China. Expenses incurred by Mr. Denny in investigation of. Enclosures. Mr. Denny's account with request for its adjustment by Dept. or instructions as to settlement of it by Legation.	12/4
John F. Swift	—	" 10	Difficulty bet him & Mr. Angell in regard to residence ~~accommodations~~ at Peking. Mr. Swift has had to take a house apart from the other Commissioners and purchase furniture thereby using $1500 of the $3.000 which was placed by Dept. at Mr. Angell's disposal. Mr. Angell allowed Mr. Swift & Prescot this sum, $1500, & Mr. Prescot waived his claims upon it in favor of Mr. Swift.	12/4
Wm. Henry Prescot	—	" 10	Difficulty between Mr. Swift & Mr. Angell. The latter is to blame. Recommends course pursued by Mr. Swift as set forth in his note of 18th inst, to the approval of the Dept.	12/4
The Commission	6	" 11	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. Reports commencement of negotiations for restriction of. Interview with Chinese Comm'rs. Memorandum submitted to them, embodying our case, and their reply enclosed. Another interview to be held on 13th inst.	12/4
	7	" 11	Immigration of Chinese to the U.S. Informs Dept. of action reported to have been taken by Mr. G. F. Seward calculated to prejudice the Chinese against the Commission & to embarrass it.	12/4
James B. Angell	29	" 11	Text of Dept.'s telegram of 23d inst. given. Supposes that this telegram is in reply to the Commission's telegram of the 15th Sept.	12/4
	30	" 11	Russia & China. Relations between. Situation at Peking unchanged. Result of negotiations at St. Petersburg being awaited. If Russia does not go to war with China she will probably attack Corea.	12/4
Chester Holcombe	—	" 22	Account.	12/22
James B. Angell	31	" 22	Accounts for transit compensation & salary. Receives Mexican dollars for his drafts. Desires to be informed of value of Mexican silver dollars in U.S. gold.	12/22
	32	" 22	Account for rent.	1/5
	33	" 22	Corea. Visit of the Duke of Genoa to. Account of. Friendly spirit in which the Italians were received. Japan is endeavoring to monopolize intercourse with Corea.	12/22
	34	" 22	Telegraph line is to be constructed by China from Tientsin to Shanghai. Comments.	12/22

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James B. Angell.	35	Oct. 22	Longitudes. Determination of telegraphically. Facilities will be accorded by China to U.S. Expedition to take observations. Correspondence encld.	12/22
The Commission X	8	" 23	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. Progress of negotiations for treaty for restriction of, reported. Draft of treaty submitted by U.S. Commrs, & China's comments thereon, enclosed. Refers to Legn.'s "6" & encs. memorandum of conversation in which objectionable language in note of the Chinese Commrs was retracted.	12/22
X	9	" 26	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. Discussion between Mr. Swift on the one side and Mess. Angell & Trescot on the other as to terms of treaty to be submitted to China. The former contended for a treaty prohibiting of itself Chinese immigration, the latter for a treaty empowering Congress to prohibit. Mr. Swift's protest.	12/22
James B. Angell	36	" 26	Documents rec'd. from David Dudley Field. Presentation of, to China reported. They are to be translated into Chinese. Has advised Mr. Field of China's appreciation of the documents.	12/22
	37	" 27	Wharfage dues scheme at Chin Kiang. Correspondence with Consul Scruggs enclosed. If case comes up at PeKing Minister will oppose the scheme.	12/22
Chester Holcombe	—	" 29	Account (Duplicate).	12/22
The Commission	10	" 29	Account.	12/22
James B. Angell	38	" 29	Accounts for transit compensation & salary (Duplicate).	12/22
	39	" 29	29-35 received.	12/22
	40	" 30	Medical Reports for half year ended Mar 31, 1880. Two copies transmd.	12/22
Chester Holcombe	—	Nov. 1	Expenses incurred by him on Legation's account. Reports refusal of Mr. Seward not only to reimburse him but even to bear a portion of the expenses.	12/22
James B. Angell X	41	" 1	Refers to Mr. Evarts's 743. Discriminating duties. Question of exemption of Chinese vessels from, in the U.S. Case of the "Ho Chung". China's reply to Legn.'s enquiries declares that American vessels are not discriminated against in China but Minister does not regard it as satisfactory and makes further enquiries to For. Office. Chinese vessels trading with U.S. can enter ports of China which Amer. vessels cannot. Suspects discrimination in levying of duties in favor of Chinese vessels.	12/22
X	42	" 2	Woosung Bar. Note from For. Office objecting to dredging of, encld. Its arguments are weak and steps will be taken to overcome the objection but success is not assured. Statement of Consul at Shanghai showing injury done U.S. Commerce by this bar.	12/22
The Commission X	11	" 3	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. Progress of negotiations for treaty restrictive of, reported. Treaty project submitted by the Chinese & counter project submitted by U.S. Commissioners enclosed.	12/22
James B. Angell	43	" 4	Account for contingent expenses enclosed.	12/22
	44	" 6	Secretary of Legation. Approves request of, for leave of absence.	12/22
Chester Holcombe	—	" 6	Leave of absence with permission to visit the U.S. requested. Desires reply by telegraph. Urges that provision be made for payment of his ad interim successor.	12/22
The Commission X	12	" 6	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. Draft of treaty restrictive of, which has been agreed upon by U.S. & Chinese Commrs and is to be signed in a few days enclosed with comments. Commission is negotiating a commercial treaty. These negotiations will probably be concluded this week. As soon as the treaties are signed Mess. Swift & Trescot will leave for the U.S. Commends Mr. Holcombe's services very highly.	12/22
X	Tel	" 9	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. "Burlingame treaty modified. China consents U.S. at discretion regulate limit suspend immigration Chinese laborers. Sign this week."	
James B. Angell	45	" 13	36-41 received. Enclosure sent with Mr. Seward's [illegible] was not an original document. Reply to 41.	1/5
	46	" 15	Trade Reports of China transmitted.	1/5
	47	" 16	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	1/5
X	48	" 16	Discriminating customs & tonnage duties. Refers to his 41. Further enquiries have led Min. to the conclusion that if any such duties are imposed in China in favor of Chinese vessels they are hardly appreciable.	1/5

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	61	Dec. 2	Sanitary Conference. Acceptance by China of invitation to, reported. Chinese Min. Chen, in US. will be appted. delegate.	1/7
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	71	" 14	Expenses incurred by Consulate Genl. at Shanghai on account of Legation. Contingent allowance of Legn. is insufficient to meet same. If Dept. can find no way to pay them it ought to call upon Mr. Seward for payment. He caused these expenses to be incurred. Reply to 39.	1/31
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	73	" 15	Passport blanks requested.	2/18
	74	" 18	Machinery. Disposition on part of Chinese to abandon their old prejudices agt. use of. Gratification. Cotton mill enterprise resumed at Shanghai. Woolen mill being established in northwestern province of China. Dispatch from Consul-Genl. at Shanghai & newspaper articles enclosed.	2/18
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James B. Angell	93	" 12	Account for rent (Duplicate).	3/8
	94	" 13	Likin taxation question. Brings history of discussion down to date. No solution yet reached. Probable that China will accept an additional import duty of 5% in lieu of all inland taxation.	3/8
	95	" 14	Transit dues on exports. Brings history of discussion down to date.	3/8
X	96	" 17	Lew Chew question. China recedes from agreement as to settlement of. Japan is highly displeased in consequence & orders her Minister to come home immediately, notwithstanding navigation is closed.	3/8
	97	" 18	Account for salary (Duplicate).	3/8
	98	" 18	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	3/8
	99	" 18	Account for repair of Legation (Duplicate)	3/8
X	100	" 20	Ward & "Keo Jeor" claims vs. China. Further correspondence with For. Office enclosed. No likelihood of China's paying them until we can bring some special pressure upon her, such as the accordance of a favor or the averting from her of trouble. Legation will neglect no opportunity of pressing the claims	3/25
	101	" 22	52 & 53 & 56 received.	3/25
	102	" 24	Passport returns for year 1880.	3/25
X	103	" 25	Lew Chewan question. Course of negotiations between China & Japan and their failure. Reasons which induced Japanese Min. to leave Peking. Reprehensible conduct of Chinese negotiators. Proposed treaty provided for division of the Lew Chew. Islands bet. China & Japan. Chinese refused to sign treaty the terms of which they had agreed to. Interviews with Japanese Min. reported. Memorandum prepared by said Min. inclosed.	3/25
X	104	" 28	Russia & China. Difficulties between, have been satisfactorily settled. Terms of settlement have not yet been made public.	3/25
	105	Feb. 2	Passport returns for year 1880. (Duplicate).	3/25
	106	" 2	Letter received from German Min. addressed to Mr. Dr Lans late Consul at Foochow enclosed for delivery. It expresses thanks of Germany for Mr. Dr Lans's consular representation of German interests at Foochow.	3/25
	107	" 3	Telegram of August 5 to Dept. Consul at Shanghai reports that it was by the Office at Shanghai containing the words "Pethick declines" which were not received at Dept. Refers to Legation's 79 & Dept.'s 48	4/14
X	108	" 3	Brazil & China. Copy of recently concluded treaty between, enclosed. Sets regrettable concessions made by the Brazilians in abridgement of consular privileges.	4/14
	109	" 9	Death of Shen Kuei fen a distinguished Chinese statesman & a member of the Ministry for For. Affairs who was well disposed to foreigners. Eulogy of deceased. Ceremonial correspondence with For. Office enclosed.	4/14
	110	" 11	Chefoo. Provisional appointt. of W. A. Cornabé as Cons. Agt. at, reported.	4/14
\	111	" 12	Intercourse (Official) bet. For. Reps. & Chinese Officials. No progress made towards establishment of. New Year's calls. Some of the For. Reps. favor discontinuance of same. Mr. Angell does not. Pleasant reception of Dip. Corps at For. Office on 8th inst, the Chinese New Year's Day. Many prominent Chinese Officials present Absence of ceremony.	4/14
	112	" 12	54 & 55 received.	4/14
X	113	" 15	Death of W. Mangum, Consul at Tientsin reported. Eulogies decreed. Legation appoints Chas L. Fisher Vice Consul & places him in charge of Consulate. Exequatur obtained	
	114	" 18	"Ward" & "Keo Jeor" claims vs. China. Another unsatisfactory interview at For. Office rel. to. Urges that U.S. take emphatic & efficacious action, without further delay, for settlement of these claims.	4/14
George F. Seward	—	" 12	Account for expenses in excess of contingent allowance enclosed. Approval of it requested. Charges explained & justified.	4/27
James B. Angell	115	" 21	56 & circ. of Dec. 30, received.	4/27
	116	" 21	Account for contingencies. Refers to his 84 & transmits missing voucher	4/27
	117	" 23	Collision between American pilot boat "George F. Seward" & Chinese junk "Li Lung Yi" at Newchwang. Chinese court declines to award owner of the American vessel damages. Steps taken by Legation to have the American owner indemnified, reported. Chinese vessel was responsible for the collision.	4/27
	118	" 23	Account for salary.	4/27
	119	" 26	Code list of Chinese vessels. Copies of, cannot be procured as no such	4/27

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James B. Angell	120	Feb. 28	Chartering of junks on the Yangtse. Change made by China in rules for, reported. Change contrary to treaty & likely to lead to joint remonstrance by Dip. Corps.	4/27
	121	Mar. 3	Account for salary (Duplicate)	4/27
	122	" 5	Political. Apptmt. of Genl Tso to fill vacancy in Foreign Office caused by death of Shen Kuei Fen. Hoe is a distinguished statesman, a great rival of Li Hung Chang and a vigorous & ultra member of the anti-foreign party.	4/27
George F. Seward	X1	"	5 Claim of owners of the "Forest Belle" vs. China. Unsettled account of Consul at Tientsin for expenses incurred in investigation of. Reasons for believing Consul's charges exorbitant & unjust, stated	3/9
Chester Holcombe	Tel	"	19 Leave of absence urgently requests same. Asks for reply by cable	
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James B. Angell	123	"	1957-60 received.	7.6
	X	124	" 19 Plundering of wrecked Amer. vessel "James Bailey" & ill treatment of crew by Chinese on coast of Hainan. Refers to his 49. Complains of failure of Consuls at Canton to report to Legation on subject. Learns that they have reported to Dept. Recommends that Consul at Hong Kong be instructed to report to Legation or to Consul General at Shanghai in such cases.	5/16
	125	" 26	Students (Chinese). Proposed withdrawal of, from the U.S. Correspondence between College Presidents and Viceroy of Chihli on subject, which has been conducted through Legation, enclosed.	5/16
	126	" 26	Assassination of Emperor of Russia. Ceremonial correspondence with Russian Legation, enclosed. Funeral services. Flags of the different Legations at half mast for 10 days.	5/16
	127	" 26	Medical Reports & list of Chinese lighthouses, transmitted.	5/16
	128	" 28	61-65 & various documents, received.	5/16
	129	" 28	'Ward' & 'Keo Jeo' claims vs. China. No progress made since date of Legation's 114.	5/16
	130	Apl. 9	66-69 & passport blanks received.	6/13
	131	" 29	Interpreter of Legation. Departure of Mr. Holcombe. Recommends apptmt. of C. A. Taylor as Interpreter ad interim with compensation at the rate of $1000. per annum.	6/13
	132	" 9	Customs Gazette of China enclosed.	6/13
	133	" 9	Application of B. R. Lewis for re-apptmt. as Consular Clerk enclosed with favorable recommendation.	6/13
	134	" 9	Railways. High Officials recommend to the Govt. the introduction of, into China. Opposing influences prevail for the present. Memorials containing the recommendation enclosed.	6/13
	135	" 9	Degradation of Lin Yeou Heung, Ex-Minister to England for criticising the Viceroy, Li Hung Chang.	6/13
	136	" 9	Japan. Apptmt. of Li Shu Chang as Minister to, in place of Hsü Chin Cheng, reported.	6/13
	137	" 9	Account for salary	6/13
	138	" 9	Account for rent.	6/13
	139	" 9	Account for contingencies.	6/13
	140	" 11	Death of one of the Empresses Dowager. Sketch of the reigning family. Aspect of affairs at the Palace.	6/13
	141	" 16	Resignation tendered to take effect not later than Oct. 1.	6/13
	142	" 18	Hawaiian King. Visit of, to Tientsin. Gives some particulars of his reception there. Object of his visit.	6/13
	143	" 19	Chartering of junks on the Yangtse. New Rules for. Refers to his 120. Investigation has led Min. to conclusion that the new rules are not in violation of treaty. Will endeavor to have China withdraw them but has no prospect of success as China has good grounds for enforcing the rules--stopping a fraudulent practice.	6/13
	144	" 28	Apptmt of Mr. Blaine as Sec. of State. Announcement of, ack'd	6/20
	145	" 28	70-75 received.	6/20
	146	" 28	Account for contingent expenses of the Commission, encld.	6/20

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	148	" 30	Minister of China to Germany has been charged to represent China at Vienna Rome & the Hague.	6/20
X	149	" 30	Jurisdiction of U.S. Consular Courts in China over Americans in the employ of the Chinese govt. when charged with crime. Instructions as to, requested.	6/20.
	150	" 30	Death of the Empress Dowager. Imperial Edicts rel. to, encld. Note of condolence addressed to Prince Kung by Mr. Angell enclosed.	6/20
	151	" 30	Transit pass question. Progress of discussion and present attitude of it, reported.	6/20
Y	152	" 30	Missionary trouble at Peking. Satisfactory termination of it. Commends action of Chinese For. Office and British Legation. Mr. Angell's proceedings. This affair may have a salutary effect in averting mob movements agt. foreigners which are rumored to be in contemplation.	6/20
	153	" 30	Account for salary (Duplicate).	6/20
	154	" 30	Account for rent (Duplicate).	6/20
	155	" 30	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	6/20
	156	May 2	Foreigners in Peking. Steps taken by Chinese govt for protection of, against mob violence, reported. Refers to his 152. Safety of Foreigners in Peking, assured.	6/20
	157	" 14	Returns instructions for Minister to Turkey inadvertently sent to Peking	7/5.
X	158	" 14	Abduction case. Trial of J. H. Burnett. Decision of the Minister in the case transmitted	7/5.
V	159	" 21	Woosung Bar. Note of Sir Thomas Wade to the Foreign Office describing the latest step in the negotiations enclosed	7/5.
X	160	" 21	Immigration & Commercial treaties. Has informed Chinese Govt. that they have been ratified by the Senate	7/5.
	161	" 21	Accounts of the contingent & passes of the Commission	7/5.
	162	" 21	Cotton seed presented to the Viceroy of Tientsin. Encl. letter of thanks	7/5.
	163	" 21	Thanks of U.S. for services rendered crew of Wrecked American vessel "James Bailey" conveyed	7/5.
	164	" 21	Paper received	7/5.
	165	" 23	Silk culture in China. Report of the Commissioners of Customs encl.	7/5.
	—	" 21	Transit allowance. Asks if he can draw for it in Europe	7/5.
	166	" 30	81-83 received. No. 80 not received.	7/18
	167	" 30	Tientsin. Mr. Fisher recognized as Vice Consul at.	7/18
V	168	" 30	Thanks of U.S. for services rendered the "James Bailey" by a Chinaman. Conveyance of, to For. Office reported. Note of acknowledgment from For. Office, enclosed	7/18.
	169	June 6	Liu Chewan question. Explanation of his conversations with Japanese Min. Genl. Grant's position & relation to the govt. of the US are understood by the Min. & govt. of Japan. Will be careful not to impair our neutrality. Reply to 82	7/18
	170	" 7	Trade Reports of China enclosed.	7/18
	170 bis	" 11	84-91 received.	8/1
	171	" 11	Russia & China. New treaty between, enclosed. Quite favorable to China.	8/1
	172	" 18	Ward Estate claim vs. China. Discussion of, with Foreign Office reported. Insufficiency of evidence in support of the claim. Instructions awaited.	8/1
	173	" 18	Protestant Chinese. Has obtained for them exemption from contribution to support of idolatrous worship. Catholics have enjoyed such exemption for some time.	8/1
V	174	" 20	Telegraph Monopoly. Proposed concession by China of exclusive privileges to the Great Northern Telegraph Co. Successful action of Mr. Angell to prevent such concession.	8/1
	175	" 20	Hawaiian Islds. China has no desire to acquire same. Does not believe that King Kalakaua's visit to China had any political or commercial result whatever. Has advised China of our exclusive commercial privileges in Hawaii. Reply to go.	8/1
	176	" 20	Jurisdiction of U.S. Consular Courts in China over Americans in the employ of the Chinese govt. Refers to his 149, & states that the Customs Dept. of China has adopted a rule which settles question as far as Employés of that Dept are concerned. Gives the rule. Instructions shd be sent to Consuls	8/1

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Chester Holcombe Sec.	—	June 27	Leave of absence. Extension of, requested.	6/28
James B. Angell	177	" 27	Minister from China to US. to succeed Chen Lan Pin & Yung Wing. Apptmt. of Cheng Tsao Ju as, reported.	8/20
	178	" 28	80, 96, 97 & circular of Apl. 25, received. Nos. 91-95 not yet received.	8/20
	179	" 29	Germany & China. New treaty between, enclosed with comments.	8/20
	180	" 29	Trade Returns for 1880 transmitted.	8/20
R. W. Shufeldt Special Agt.	—	July 1	Corea, now that peace between Russia & China is established, is not so ready as she was, to conclude treaty. Two parties in Corea – foreign and anti-foreign. King & Court officials belong to the former; minor officials to the latter. Good effect of visit of the "Ticonderoga". Interview with Viceroy at Tientsin. He counsels patience. He believes a treaty can eventually be made. He strongly recommends Consul Gen'l. Denny for apptmt. as Minister to China. Commodore Shufeldt leaves Tientsin in a day or two for Peking.	8/20
James B. Angell	—	" 2	Extra-territorial privileges (Judicial). Calls attention to omission of words in Chinese text of recent treaty, which makes it appear that Chinese in US are possessed of such privileges. Similar case in treaty with Germany. Chinese Min. claimed for a Chinaman in Berlin extra-territorial privileges but his govmt. disapproved the claim. Hence we need have no solicitude. Is working hard to defeat telegraph monopoly, but is not ably supported by his colleagues. Disparagement of new Min. from China to US.	8/20.
	181	" 8	Assault upon Rev. Mr. Sites. Action taken for settlement of the case, reported. Unsatisfactory course of the provincial authorities. Correspondence enclosed.	9/3
	186	" 16	Telegraph concession to Danish Company conferring exclusive privileges. Further action of Minister Angell to prevent granting of, reported.	9/3
	187	" 16	Corea. No opportunity offers at present for conclusion of a treaty with. Might have been concluded last november. Movements of Commodore Shufeldt. As the Imperial govt. has nothing to do with the navy, it is not likely that it will apply for the Commodore's services. If application be made it will probably be made by Viceroy of Chihli, Li Hung Chang. Reply to qy.	9/3
	182	" 8	Commercial & Immigration treaties. Exchange copies, rec'd. Nos. 92-95 received.	9/3
	183	" 9	Account for contingencies.	9/3
	184	" 9	Account for rent.	9/3
	185	" 9	Account for salary.	9/3
	Tel	" 19	Ratifications both treaties exchanged to-day."	
	188	" 19	Text of telegram of even date to Dept.	9/19
	189	" 20	Ratifications of commercial & immigration treaties. Gives account of exchange of. Certificates of exchange enclosed. Gave also to China Legation's originals of the treaties. Originals in the Dept. requested for Legation's. Has proclaimed the treaties.	9/19
R. W. Shufeldt Special Agent	—	" 23	Account, advice of draft.	
James B. Angell	190	" 28	Real Estate. Opposition by Chinese magistrate at Canton to acquisition of, by missionaries outside of the city limits. Has instructed consul to protest against the opposition & to make every effort to overcome it.	9/19
	191	" 30	98-101 & circular of June 10 received. Correction of error in numbering Legn's despatches.	9/19
	192	" 30	Account for salary (Duplicate).	9/19
	193	" 30	Account for rent (Duplicate).	9/19
	194	" 30	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	9/19
Chester Holcombe Sec.	195	" 30	Apptmt. of Mr. Hitt as Assist. Sec. of State. Announcement of, received.	9/19
James B. Angell	—	Aug 15	Letter Hartford to-day for post.	10/3
	196	Aug 15	102-107 Received.	10/3
	197	" 15	Financial information desired by Treasury. Cannot procure same.	10/3
	198	" 15	Missionary trouble at Tung Chow-fu. Action taken for relief. Correspondence rec'd.	10/3
	199	" 18	Missionary trouble at Tai-nan-fu. Action taken for redress. Correspondence rec'd.	10/3
	200	" 18	Humane treatment of wrecked crew of the Amer'n. vessel "Amiel S. Hall" by Taichow Islanders and Chinese naval officers reported. Has expressed thanks	10/3
	201	" 18	Telegraph monopoly scheme. Efforts of Mr. Angell to defeat same. Only partial success.	10/3
	202	" 18	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer the "Kow Jeow". Renewed action in behalf of, reported. China unwilling to make any new concession in regard to the claim. Correspondence enclosed.	10/3
	203	" 18	Minister from China to the US. recently appointed (Cheng Tsao-Ju) Sketch of. He will reach Washington about Dec. 1.	12/

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James B. Angell	204	Aug 28	Junks chartered by foreigners on the Yangtsze river to pay port dues at the native customs. China intends to continue the rule requiring the payment of dues	10/24.
	205	" 28	Official intercourse at Canton between Consuls & the Governor General satisfactory arrangement made.	10/24
	206	" 30	Consular Courts. Encloses decree of Ministers respecting the service of summons on defendants	10/24.
	207	Sept 1	108-113 received	10/24
	208	" 1	Account of Mr Taylor as acting Interpreter	10/24
	209	" 5	Customs Gazette enclosed	10/24.
	210	" 12	Diplomatic & Consular service. Need of clerical assistance in Legation. An allowance of $50 per month suggested. Contingent allowance should be $1000. Suggests the appointment of Vice Consul General at Shanghai with a salary. Provision should be made for Interpreters to translate in China	11/4
	211	" 14	114-116 received	11/4
	212	" 14	Transit Pass question. Documents which give the history of the negotiation pursued by the German Minister with Foreign Office enclosed	11/4
	213	" 15	Assassination of President Garfield. Expressions of Sympathy from Prince Kung	11/4
	214	" 17	Missionary work at Kan-chang-fu, Interference with by the natives Not. to Foreign Office protesting against such interference	11/4
	215	" 19	Account of Mr Taylor as Acting Interpreter	11/4.
	216	" 19	Germany & China. Treaty enclosed which No 179 has been ratified	11/4.
	217	" 24	LeKin taxation question. Proposition on part to abolish LeKin taxes and in place thereof to collect an increased import duty. Commends such arrangement though it is very doubtful whether it would give adequate relief. Correspondence enclosed	
	218	" 27	Opium trade & habit. Statistics & comments. Prince Kung says that if the importation of opium from India could be stopped the growth of the drug in China would be stopped.	11/19
	219	Oct. 1	Account for compensation.	11/19
	220	" 1	Account for Interpreter's compensation.	11/19
	221	" 1	Account for contingencies.	11/19
	222	" 1	Text of Dept.'s telegram of 20th Sept. given. Legation received it Oct. 1.	11/19
	223	" 1	117-120 & stationery received.	11/19
	224	" 1	Death of the President. Receipt of the news in China. Condolence	11/19
	225	" 1	Students (Chinese) in U.S. Recall of, by their govt. Action of Mr. Angell to prevent same. Reasons for recall. Departure of Mr. Angell from Peking precludes his taking action as Dept.'s 118.	11/19
	226	" 1	Medical Report transmitted	11/19
	227	" 3	Departure of Mr. Angell from Peking on 4th inst. announced. Expects to meet Mr. Holcombe at either Tientsin or Shanghai & will turn Legation over to him there.	11/19
	228	" 4	Death of President Garfield & accession of Pres. Arthur. Note of condolence & congratulation from For. Office, enclosed.	11/19
Chester Holcombe Secy.	—	" 5	Account for compensation.	11/19
Chester Holcombe Chargé	1	" 13	Chargé. Assumes duties as this day.	11/19
James B Angell	Spec. 1	" 13	Sorghum seed. Samples of, and directions for its cultivation forwarded for Dept. of Agriculture.	11/19
	2	" 13	Cordial interviews with Viceroy at Tientsin on occasion of taking leave, reported.	11/19
	3	" 13	Commodore Shufeldt. Unless some opportunity for him to be useful should soon occur which is not probable he ought to remain at Tientsin no longer.	11/19
	4	" 13	121-124 & circular announcing Mr. Walker Blaine's appointment received.	11/19
	5	" 13	Account for compensation.	11/19
	6	" 13	Transfer of Legation to Mr. Holcombe this day, reported.	11/19
Chester Holcombe Chargé	2	" 31	Account for rent.	12/19
	3	" 31	Account for contingencies (Duplicate)	12/19
	4	" 31	Account of Mr. Angell for salary. (Duplicate).	12/19
	5	" 31	Account for salary of Acting Interpreter (Duplicate)	12/19
	6	" 31	Account of Mr. Angell for salary (Duplicate)	12/19

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Chester Holcombe Chargé	7	Oct. 31	Account of Acting Interpreter for compensation.	1/19
	8	Nov. 1	Furniture of Legation. Inventory of, enclosed.	1/19
	9	" 1	Furniture purchased for the Commission. Refers to Mr. Angell's 72 and renews request that Legation be permitted to retain same — 2/3 for the Minister & 1/3 for the Secy.	1/19
	10	" 3	Transit time Reports having exceeded allowance by order of Minister Angell. Requests that he be not deprived of any compensation in consequence.	1/3
	11	" 5	Consular correspondence. Requests that Consuls be reminded of their duty to send abstracts of their correspondence to Legation. Refers to Mr. Seward's 6, 65, & 175	1/3
	12	" 10	Account for rent (Duplicate).	1/3
	13	" 10	Account of Acting Interpreter for compensation (Duplicate).	1/3
	14	" 11	Intercourse (official) at Canton. Failure of Consular Corps to act in accordance with arrangement which For. Office & Dip. Corps had arrived at. Mr. Holcombe has reiterated instruction to U.S. Consul to put the arrangement into operation.	1/3
	15	" 11	Trade Report of China for 1880 transmitted.	1/3
	16	" 17	Missionary trouble at Chin-nan-fu. Local officials not disposed to do justice. Stringent orders sent to them by Prince Kung at instance of Legation. Refers to 199 & encs. further correspondence.	1/7
	17	" 19	Hawaii. Emigration to, from Canton. Order prohibiting same enclosed. Not likely to be of permanent effect as Chinese are building steamships for trade with Hawaii & transportation of emigrants.	1/17
	18	" 20	Missionary trouble at Te Cho. Remonstrance of Legation. Correspondence encl.	1/17
	19	" 24	Lew Chewan question. States the solution which China is contending for. Departure for Japan of Chinese Minister. Commendation & sketch of this minister.	1/17
	20	" 28	Trade Report of China for quarter ended Sep. 30, 1881 transmitted.	1/17
	21	" 29	Telegraphic cable monopoly scheme of a Danish Co. Supposed status of the matter; a local arrangement with Viceroy Li not yet ratified by Chinese govt. Protest addressed to Chinese govt. by German minister against accordance of preliminary privileges to the Danish Co, enclosed.	1/17
	22	Dec. 2	Intercourse (Official) at Canton. Refers to his 14, & reports compliance of Consul with Legation's instructions. Matter is therefore satisfactorily arranged.	1/17
	23	" 3	125 & 126 received.	1/17
	24	" 10	Accounts of Mr. Holcombe for salary enclosed with explanatory letter addressed to Comptroller.	2/13
	25	" 10	Account for salary for 1st quarter 1881 enclosed with explanation.	2/13
	26	" 12	Claim of owners of the "James Bailey" vs. China for plundering of their vessel by natives of Hainan. Compromise settlement effected by Consul at Canton. For. Office deems an assurance that it is final. Instructions requested. Consuls ought to promptly & fully report such cases to Legation.	2/13
	27	" 16	Account for salary for 1st quarter 1881 (Duplicate).	2/13
	28	" 16	Telegraphic cable monopoly scheme. China has disapproved same and will permit an American Co. to lay a cable between China & Japan at any time. Gratification. Correspondence enclosed.	2/13
	29	" 17	Statue of Burlingame. Proposed erection of, by China in Washington. Chinese Minister has been instructed to confer with Secy. of State on subject.	2/13
	Tel.	" 19	Corea. Treaty with. "Viceroy Li informs Shufeldt Corea willing to make treaty with us. Word has come from Corea."	
	30	" 19	Corea. Treaty with. Confirms his telegram of even date. Fear of occupancy of Corea by Russia motives China to aid our negotiations. Claim of China to suzerainty over Corea. Its invalidity. Question of practical benefit to U.S. of a treaty with Corea is being considered by Legation.	2/13
	31	" 22	Changes in Chinese Foreign Office, reported. Their satisfactoriness	2/13
	32	" 24	127-131 received.	2/13
	33	" 24	Pakhoi. Commission of Mr. Ford as Cons. Agt. at, returned as Mr. Ford is no longer at Pakhoi.	2/13
	34	" 26	Swatow. As Mr. Williams was recognized as Consular Agent at, in 1878, Legation has deemed it unnecessary to apply for his recognition anew. Reply to 130. Commission enclosed in that instruction has been forwarded to Mr. Williams.	2/13

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Chester Holcombe	35	Dec. 26	Treaties of Nov. 1880. Explains action of Mr. Angell in proclaiming same. Annulment of Mr. Angell's proclamation, pursuant to Dept.'s 127, reported. Ratified copies are held at Legation for transmission by some trustworthy hand. Requests that original Chinese texts in Dept. be sent to Legation.	3/9
	36	" 27	Transit pass question. Present condition of. Explanatory documents enclosed. No progress made since date of Mr. Angell's 212.	3/9
	37	" 29	Corea. Treaty negotiations of U.S. Viceroy Li proposes to send an official with our commissioner ostensibly for the purpose of assisting him but in reality to control the negotiations. Views of Li as to what the treaty should be. They have been communicated to Corea. Japan is unfriendly to negotiations. Satisfactory treaty can probably be secured.	3/9
	38	" 30	Gold watch & chain for French Consul at Tientsin. French Min. wishes to know what has become of it. Refers to Dept.'s 35 to Mr. Angell.	3/9
	39	" 31	Account for salary.	3/9
	40	" 31	Account for rent.	3/9
	41	" 31	Account for contingencies.	3/9
	42	" 31	Shipbuilding materials. Free entry of, into China. Rules governing same, encld.	3/9
	43	" 31	Students (Chinese) Reports efforts of his which have been successful in so far that fifty of the more proficient ones will be returned to the U.S. Refers to 115.	3/9
	44	Jany 1882 6	Missionary trouble at Yenping. Case of Mr. Sites. Forwards further correspondence. No practical progress made. Obstructive & trifling disposition of Foochow authorities. Note of remonstrance to For. Office, encld.	3/9
	45	" 9	Account for telegrams. Advice of draft.	3/9
	46	" 9	Account for salary (Duplicate).	3/9
	47	" 9	Account for rent (Duplicate).	3/9
	48	" 13	Corea. Treaty negotiations. Dept.'s telegram of congratulations upon prospect of success, has been communicated to Commodore Shufeldt.	3/9
	49	" 13	Account for telegrams. Voucher which shd. have accomp. his No. 45, enclosed.	3/9
James B. Angell	—	" 12	Draft for portion of transit compensation. Advice of. Expects to reach Washn. Feb. 12.	
John F. Swift	—	" 4	Accounts. Supposed they were properly made out. Dont see how they can be corrected, but before giving official reply to Dept.'s letter of 24th ult. he desires to have benefit of opinion of his colleague Mr. Treacot.	
Chester Holcombe	50	" 14	Account for contingent expenses.	4/7
	51	" 16	"Ward" & "Keo Jeor" claims. Recent correspondence rel. to, enclosed. For. Office informally offers to pay the claims if surplus of indemnity fund now in hands of U.S. be returned to China. Mr. Holcombe has declined to discuss this proposal: Thinks good effect would result if Dept. should make representation to Chinese Ministers at Washington in behalf of the claims.	4/7
	52	" 18	132-135 & circ. of Nov. 25, received.	4/7
	53	" 18	Customs immunities accorded foreign war vessels in Chinese ports. Information rel. to, furnished.	
	54	" 21	Wooseung Bar. China is at last taking measures for dredging of. Newspaper article giving particulars, enclosed.	
R. W. Shufeldt	1	" 23	Corea. Negotiations for treaty with. Discusses question of expediency of taking further action in the matter. Wily character and unreliability of Li Hung Chang. Instructions requested. Credentials & congratulatory telegram received. Navy of China. Failure of project for organization of, by Commodore Shufeldt, reported.	4/7
Chester Holcombe	55	" 23	Account for telegrams (Duplicate).	4/7
R. W. Shufeldt	—	" 20	Corea. Treaty negotiations. Authority to conduct same at some other place than Fusan requested. Asks as to employment of an Interpreter. Report on relations between China & Japan in regard to Corea, enclosed. Bad treatment of Corea by Japan.	4/7
Chester Holcombe	56	" 24	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. Case of Mr. Sites. Note from Prince Kung stating that rigid orders have been issued for early & satisfactory settlement, encld.	4/7
	57	" 26	Opium traffic. Steps being taken by China to suppress same. Two schemes; one, prohibitive duties, the other, govt. monopoly. Mr. Holcombe tells Chinese govt. that the former is practicable but that the latter would be discreditable. Adoption by China of Mr. Holcombe's views regarding the govt. monopoly scheme. Negotiations of British Minister on subject. Their probable failure. Explanatory docs.	4/7
	58	Feb. 1	Passport returns for 1881.	4/7

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Chester Holcombe	59	Feb. 2	Wooosung Bar. Foreign Office confirms newspaper statements in regard to dredging of. Refers to Legation's 54.	4/15
	60	" 4	Corea. Treaty relations between Western Powers and. Obtainment by China of Corea's consent to establishment of. China fears seizure of Corea by some Western Power should she have no treaties, & China desires that treaty be concluded with U.S. first in order to secure for Corea a precedent for an anti-opium clause in treaties with other powers. China offers to render us all proper assistance in our negotiations with Corea.	4/15
	61	" 10	139-141 received.	4/15
	62	" 10	Assumption of charge of Legation while at Peking. Explanation. Vindication of his course. Reply, 6/14	4/15
	63	" 13	Account for repair of Legation.	4/15
	64	" 15	Passport returns for 1881 (duplicate).	4/15
	65	" 18	Missionary trouble at Le Cho. Further correspondence enclosed. Good prospect for an early adjustment.	4/29
	66	" 21	Regulations for municipal government of U.S. citizens in China. Necessity for, and for authority to be given U.S. Min. to make such regulations, set forth. Order in Council granting British Minister such authority, enclosed.	4/15
Wm. H. Trescot	—	" 8	Accounts of the Commission. Non conformity of, to laws. Not a matter which concerns him. He simply obeyed instructions. His accounts were approved by Secretaries Evarts & Blaine. Matter for Dept. & Treasury to settle between themselves. Will upon his return furnish all information he can to assist adjustment.	
Chester Holcombe	67	" 23	142-144 & circs. announcing appointt. of Mr. Frelinghuysen as Sec. & Mr. Davis as Asst. Sec. of State,	4/15 rec'd.
	68	" 24	Missionary troubles. Thanks for telegram approving his proceedings reported in his 16 & 18. It will materially strengthen his efforts to secure proper adjustment.	4/15
	69	" 27	Customs Reports transmitted. To comply with Dept.'s request to transmit 3 copies always will probably necessitate purchase of one copy out of the contingent fund of Legation which is already quite inadequate.	4/29
	70	" 28	Naval service of China. Failure of Commodore Shufeldt to be put in charge of, not due to representations of foreign govts to Chinese Foreign Office but to intrigues at Tientsin. Central govt of China has nothing to do with the Navy. While bad faith of Viceroy at Tientsin deserves a remonstrance to For. Office still as we have need of the Viceroy's assistance in conducting treaty negotiations with Corea it would not be advisable to remonstrate now. Reply to #132.	4/29
	71	Mar. 1	Account for repair of Legation.	4/29
	72	" 4	Missionaries. Gratifying liberality & favorable disposition of authorities at Soochow towards.	4/29
	73	" 8	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. Further correspondence enclosed. No progress made towards settlement. Insulting language used by the Taotai. Remonstrance of Legation. Proposes to send Consul at Tientsin to Chinanfu to arrange settlement. Authority to draw for expenses of Consul's trip requested.	4/29
	74	" 10	146-148 received.	4/29
R. W. Shufeldt	2	" 11	Corea. Treaty negotiations. Viceroy Li wishes treaty to assert dependence of Corea upon China, to prohibit entry of religious books into Corea, to recognize right of Corea to control her own commerce, & to arrest Corean criminals in the houses of foreign merchants. Can satisfactorily arrange regarding all these wishes except the first. This Mr. Shufeldt considers inadmissible. If the Viceroy insists upon it, negotiations must fail. Whatever the Viceroy does in this treaty matter is with the authority of the Central govt. Has declined to accept invitation of the Viceroy to visit him in the Interior, incognito. Has asked Mr. Holcombe to accompany him to Tientsin to confer with the Viceroy.	4/29
Chester Holcombe	75	" 15	Thanks of U.S. for services rendered by Chinese naval officers & inhabitants of Fenghwei to American vessel "Annie S Hall". Reports expression of, to Chinese govt.	4/29
	76	" 25	Taxation of American commerce for improvement of roadway of French & British settlements at Tientsin. Documents explanatory of the scheme, enclosed. Has instructed Consul to protest. Consul has done so. Instructions requested.	6/6
R. W. Shufeldt	3	" 28	Compensation. Declines to accept same. Requests that he be allowed instead, $5 a day for expenses, exclusive of traveling expenses, from Dec. 16, 1881. Account for expenses inclosed. Advice of draft.	
	4	" 31	Corea. Treaty negotiations. Discussion of drafts of treaties with Viceroy Li, reported. A Corean Ambassador may come to China to negotiate. If not Com. Shufeldt will go to Corea. Two Chinese war vessels to accompany him. Has lost confidence in Viceroy. Friendship & promises. Has expressed to him impatience at delay. China actuated by self interest alone in this	

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Chester Holcombe		77	Apl. 1	Account for rent.	
		78	" 1	Account for compensation.	
		79	" 1	Account for contingencies.	6/6
		80	" 5	Literature of China. Valuable work of Jesuit Missionaries on. Mr. Holcombe has declined to subscribe for it, but calls attention of Dept to it with a view to its reaching principal libraries and Universities in the U.S.	6/6
R. W. Shufeldt	X	5	" 10	Corea. Treaty negotiations. Progress of, reported. Drafts & counter drafts enclosed with comments. China actuated in the matter by self interest and not by friendship for the U.S. Reports his resentment of Viceroy Li's degrading treatment of him. Ambiguous answer given by him to the Viceroy in reply to inquiry of the latter as to publication by Comr. Shufeldt of a harsh criticism of China.	6/6
	X	Tel	" 12	Corea. Treaty negotiation. Asks if he may insert clause admitting dependence of Corea upon China the latter conceding sovereign powers to the former. "They desire it. I have objected"	
	X	Tel	" 19	Corea Treaty negotiations. Ready to start for Corea. Requests authority to take Mr. Holcombe with him as Interpreter. Reply to his telegram of 12th inst. requested.	
		6	" 19	Draft for telegrams. Advice of.	6/6
	X	7	" 28	Corea. Treaty negotiations with. Progress of. Final draft, enclosed. If Viceroy does not accept it, Comr. will, in the absence of a reply to his telegram of 12th inst. authorizing him to accede to the Viceroy's wishes, ask to be recalled. Preparation for departure for Corea. Confirms his telegrams of 12th & 19th inst. If negotiations should fail, our efforts will at all events result in the opening of Corea by some other power. Corea likely to be the battle field between China & Japan.	6/6
Chester Holcombe	X	81	" 7	Lighthouse at Southern end of Formosa, the most dangerous point for vessels on the Chinese coast. Construction of, reported.	6/16
		82	" 8	Land regulations for foreign settlements at Shanghai. Recently revised ones, enclosed. Requests such sanction of them by Dept. as will cause them to be respected by Americans. Correspondence encld. Comments.	6/16
		83	" 22	Account for rent (Duplicate).	6/16
		84	" 22	Account for compensation (Duplicate).	6/16
		85	" 22	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	6/16
	Y	86	" 24	Corea. Treaty negotiations with. Visits of Mr. Holcombe to Tientsin for the purpose of assisting Commodore Shufeldt, reported, & reasons therefor given. Authority to draw for traveling expenses, requested.	6/16
		87	" 26	Medical Reports transmitted.	6/16
	X	88	" 26	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. Case of Mr. Sites. Recent correspondence with Prince Kung enclosed with explanatory remarks. Good prospect for early settlement.	6/16
		89	" 27	149, 150, 152 & 154 received. Nos. 147 & 153 not received.	6/16
	Y	90	" 28	Taxation of American commerce for improvement of water front roadway of British & French concessions at Tientsin. Refers to his 76 and reports discussion of the matter by Dip. Corps which has resulted in a satisfactory arrangement whereby the American and other foreign concessions are to be improved also. Details of this arrangement given & instructions, however, regarding the general questions involved, which were raised in his 76, requested.	6/16
		91	" 29	Ex-Ministers of China to the U.S., Chen Lan Pin & Yung Wing. Reports their return to China. The former has been appted. a Minister of the Foreign Office. He speaks well of the U.S. Yung Wing is not likely to be given employment by his govt. owing to hostile influence agt. him. This is regrettable because he could render his govt. much needed service.	6/16
		92	" 29	Manufacturing by foreigners in China of Chinese raw materials. For. Office holds that foreigners have no right to manufacture in China, and that if they do, however, manufacture their manufactures must be exported, cannot be sold in China. These positions are not warranted by any treaty. Correspondence bet. Dip. Corps & For. Office enclosed. No prospect that a satisfactory arrangement will be reached.	6/16
		93	" 29	Missionary troubles at Te Cho. Satisfactory settlement of portion of, reported. China admits right of a native Christian Church to hold property in its own name. Valuable Correspondence enclosed. Refers to his 15 & 65.	6/25

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TO WHOM	NO.	DATE 1882	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
China from p. 232				
John Russell Young X	—	May 1	Corea. Treaty negotiations of Commodore Shufeldt. Reviews same. Does not deem it expedient to comply with China's request for a clause recognizing China's suzerainty over Corea.	
Chester Holcombe	94	" 2	151 & 153 received.	6/28
X	95	" 2	Testimonials for Chinese naval officers for services rendered the Amer^{n} vessel "Annie S. Hall". Delivery of, to For^{n} Office reported. Reply to 151.	6/28
	96	" 3	Political. Death of mother of Viceroy Li. Its political importance owing to possible retirement of the Viceroy from public life for a three years' mourning which would in effect be absolute retirement. Emperor, however, has refused to allow such retirement, thus affording a proof of the high esteem in which the Viceroy is held by his govt.	6/28
	97	" 4	Educational mission of China. Presentation to Prince Kung of Memorial of prominent American educators, reported. Reply to ^{n} 153.	6/28
X	98	" 4	Missionary troubles at Te Cho and Chinanfu. Has sent Consul Zueck to those places to effect settlement of difficulties. Copy of instructions to Consul, enclosed.	6/28
	99	" 6	Missionaries. Residence of, in the interior of China and protection of them there. Reports views recently expressed by him to missionaries regarding their rights and the policy of the U.S. in these matters. Correspondence sent.	6/28
	100	" 6	Lighthouses, buoys, & beacons of China. List of, enclosed.	6/28
	101	" 9	French occupation of Tonquin. Speculation as to motives of. Tonquin being under suzerainty of China the latter is much exercised and has demanded an explanation from French Minister who says he has no information on the subject. Newspaper article enclosed.	6/29
James B. Angell	—	" 10	Accounts. Settlement of. Advises draft for balance found due him by Comptroller	
R. W. Shufeldt	Tel	" 7	"Have gone to Corea"	
Chester Holcombe	Tel	" 13	Missionary troubles at Te Cho & Chinanfu. "Sent Zueck to Te Cho and Chinanfu. No success. Insulted by official and twice mobbed at Te Cho. Have demanded reparation. Please cable instruction"	
	102	" 13	Missionary troubles at Te Cho & Chinanfu. Confirms his telegram of even date and gives full particulars of ill-treatment of Consul Zueck and Interpreter Taylor whom Mr. Holcombe sent to settle the missionary difficulties. Has demanded reparation. Not likely that the demand will be heeded unless supported by positive and vigorous language from the Dept.	6/29
	103	" 15	155-157 & circular of Mch. 19 received.	6/29
X	104	" 15	Treaties (Immigration & Commercial) concluded in November 1880. Ratified Chinese texts transmitted.	6/29
X	105	" 16	Corea. Treaty negotiations of Commodore Shufeldt. Departure of the Commodore for Corea on the 8th inst., reported. States that it was not at any solicitation or suggestion of his that the Commodore asked for permission for him to accompany the Commodore to Corea.	6/29
X	106	" 17	Missionary difficulty at Chinanfu. Report of Consul Zueck, enclosed with comments. Failure of his efforts to effect adjustment. Mr. Holcombe proposes now to apply to Chinese govt. for indemnity and reparation.	7/6
R. W. Shufeldt	Tel	" 27	Corea. Treaty negotiations. Reports return from Corea, conclusion of treaty and establishment of intercourse.	
X	—	" 29	Corea. Treaty with, concluded on 22^{d} inst. transmitted with comments and two ceremonial letters one of them urging early ratification of treaty and the other declaring suzerainty of China over Corea and stating that U.S. must not intervene in difficulties which may arise between Corea & China. Salutation of King of Corea by U.S.S. "Iwatara", the first salute the King ever received from a western nation. Recommends that U.S. war vessels be sent to visit the ports to be opened by the treaty. Orders have, at request of Com. Shufeldt, been given for their friendly reception.	7/6
	—	" 31	Draft for expenses. Advises of. Statement of the expenses enclosed.	7/6
Chester Holcombe	X	107	" 20	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. Restriction of. Rumor in China of recall of Chinese Min. from Wash^{n} in consequence. Newspaper comments.	7/15

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Chester Holcombe	108	May 22	Harsh criticism of China published by Commodore Shufeldt. Comments on. Controverts certain statements of the Commodore. Ill feeling on part of high officials of China caused by the ill advised publication.	7/18
	109	" 23	Canton. Appointment of Gideon Nye as temporary Consul at, reported. Mr. Nye not a suitable person to be in charge of Consulate for any considerable length of time. Recommends that vacancy at Canton be filled as soon as possible	7/18
	110	" 23	Forchow. Reports that Consul Wingate is temporarily in charge of Russian interests at. Mr. Holcombe approves.	7/18
	111	" 24	Trade Report of China for quarter ended March 31, 1882. Three copies sucls.	7/18
	112	" 24	Missionary difficulty at Te Cho and Chinanfu. Account for expenses of Consul Zueck who was sent by Legation to settle same, sucls.	7/18
John Russell Young Chester Holcombe	~~0~~ 113	" 24 " 26	Sails from San Francisco for post this day. Account for telegrams. Advice of draft.	7/25 7/18
	114	" 25	Missionary difficulty at Chinanfu. Further action of Legation to procure satisfactory settlement, reported. Correspondence enclosed.	7/18
	115	" 27	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. Case of Revd. Mr. Sites. Further correspondence enclosed. No progress made towards settlement. Vexatious conduct of the local authorities. Has again asked Prince Kung to issue stringent instructions to local authorities to effect settlement according to terms agreed upon. Has directed Consul Wingate to make no further concession to the Chinese.	7/18
	116	" 29	Missionary trouble at Te Cho. Assault of local authorities upon Mr. Zueck who was sent by Legation to settle the difficulty. Further correspondence. Fresh proofs of the bad conduct of the local authorities. Vigorous language from U.S. necessary to obtainment of reparation. Anxiously awaiting reply by cable to his telegram of 13th inst.	7/18
	117	" 29	Corea. British German & Russian Ministers are about to negotiate with, for treaties identical with ours. France seeking to obtain a religious toleration clause. No prospect of success. Modification of treaty between Japan & Corea necessary. China aided us in preference to any other Power because of our considerate treatment of her. Thanks due her.	7/18
	118	" 31	Account for expenses of Consul Zueck's visit to Chinanfu (Duplicate).	7/18
	119	" 31	Account for telegrams (Duplicate).	7/18
	120	" 31	158 & 159 received.	7/18
	121	June 2	Trade Report of China for 1881. Three copies of Part I, enclosed.	7/18
R. W. Shufeldt Chester Holcombe	8	" 8	Corea. Treaty with. Detailed account of the negotiation.	7/18
	122	" 5	Clerk hire. Allowance for, requested. Understands he is not entitled to extra compensation for services as Chargé.	7/31
	123	" 10	Stationery requested.	7/31
	124	" 12	Corea. Treaty negotiations with. British Agent has concluded treaty substantially same as Commodore Shufeldt's, French Agt., contrary to expectation of Mr. Holcombe expressed in 117, is negotiating for such a treaty as ours, German Min. is about to negotiate, and Russian will do so shortly.	7/31
	Tel.	" 15	Missionary trouble at Te Cho. Assault upon Consul Zueck. Reports that the guilty Magistrate has been removed from office.	
	125	" 15	Missionary trouble at Te Cho. Assault upon Consul Zueck. Confirms telegram of even date. Has agreed to accept as satisfactory reparation, the removal of the Magistrate, if it is bona fide, & if a certain one of the assailants be punished and suitable proclamations, as proposed by Gov. of Shantung, be issued. Correspondence incls.	7/31
	126	" 19	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. Refers to his 114 and reports further action of Legation to procure a satisfactory settlement. Correspondence enclosed	7/31
	127	" 19	Brazil & China. Treaty between which was exchanged on 3d inst. French text of, enclosed with comments. Important modifications of text which accompd. Mr. Angell's 107.	8/7
	128	" 20	Missionaries. Refers to his 99 & incls. correspondence with Consulate at Canton rel. to privileges of.	8/7
	129	" 20	160 & 161 & circ. of Apl. 12, received.	8/7
	130	" 21	Financial information desired by the Treasury Dept. cannot be furnished. No coinage.	8/7
	131	" 21	Account for telegram. advice of draft.	8/7
	132	" 24	Brazil's treaty with China. Refers to his 127, & incls. English version of the French text.	8/7
	133	" 26	Corea. Letters of King of, to Pres. of the U.S. which have been forwarded by Commodore Shufeldt to Dept. Translations of, which Mr. Holcombe has had made, transmitted to relieve Dept of difficulty	8/7

of procuring reliable translations.

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Chester Holcombe	X	134 June 27	Missionary trouble at Te Cho.—Assault upon Consul Zuelk. Note from Foreign Office reporting compliance with terms of reparation asked for by Legation, enclosed. Mr. Holcombe has expressed satisfaction.	8/7
		135 " 27	Account for telegram (Duplicate).	8/7
	X	136 " 29	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. Further correspondence. Practice of delay being resorted to by local authorities. Counteractory and persistent efforts of Legn. for early settlement. Hopes of	
		137 " 29	Insane American, Revd. J. Fisher Crossette. Steps taken by Mr. Holcombe for his arrest & expulsion from China, reported.	8/7
		138 " 30	Marriage certif. of F. D. Gamewell & Mary 2. Porter, enclosed.	8/7
		139 " 30	Account for salary	8/16
		140 " 30	Account for rent.	8/16
		141 " 30	Account for contingencies. Allowance too small. Should be $800. at least	8/16

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Chester Holcombe	142	July 1	Notarial Acts. Performance of, by Commissioners of Customs of China. Documents and correspondence explanatory of the scheme, endorsed. Objections to it, stated. Instructions requested.	7/31
R. Young.		" 10	Asst. Advise of	
Chester Holcombe	143-145	" 12	Account for salary, rent & incidental expenses (duplicate)	7/
	146	" 13	Corea. Treaty bet. Germany and, signed on 30th ult. Russian, Italian, Spanish & Austrian Ministers will shortly proceed to Corea to negotiate treaties. All receive good offices of China on condition that U.S. treaty is accepted as a basis.	7/
	147	" 20	Passports issued by the Legation. China requires that they state definitely what points the bearer desires to visit and the exact route to be taken in going and returning. China has been informed that it cannot be done as they are given for two years &c.	9/16.
	148	" 20	Ensane American. Rev. J. Fisher Crossette. Recites further steps taken in sending him to the U.S. Reasons for sending him as a steerage passenger. Asks approval	9/16
	149	" 21	Illegal taxes and Lekin dues exacted on goods of Americans after having paid the regular duties. Money ordered to be refunded	9/16
	150	" 22	Opium traffic. Has communicated the Treasury circular prohibiting the importation of Opium into U.S. to Chinese government	9/16.
	151	" 24	Secretaries of Legation when acting as chargé. Calls attention to the hardships experienced through the law & regulations of the Department with respect to their compensation and manner of drawing for same. Time allowed for leave should be changed.	9/16
	152	" 24	Customs returns for 1881 transmitted	9/16
John Russell Young	tel	" 30	Corea. Mob attack upon Japanese legation reported. Palace threatened. Request that war vessel be sent to protect treaty interests	
Chester Holcombe	153	Aug 2	Irresponsible American at Newchwang. Case of D. J. Halliday an insane pauper. Has informed consul that if he commits a crime he may be punished, if insane may be sent to U.S.	9/16
	154	" 2	Opium traffic. Refers to 150 and encloses Prince Kung's ack't	9/16
	155	" 3	Missionary troubles at Yenping. Case of Dr Giles. Delay in settling the question as to what names should be placed over the doors of chapels. Correspondence enclosed	9/25.
	156	" 14	162-164 receipt	9/25.
	157	" 14	Expenses incurred in the Corean treaty negotiations. Account	9/25
	158	" 15	Salary as chargé d'affaires ad interim Refers instruction and asks if he can draw for amount due him	9/25.
John Russell Young	Tel	" 16	Corea. Anti-foreigner revolt in. Particulars of. Chinese forces supporting govt. Japanese force sent to demand explanation of massacres of Japanese. Intervention by Japan apprehended by China. Legn. has sent U.S.S. "Monocacy" to Corea with instructions to act in behalf of neutrality, peace, & American interests	
Chester Holcombe	159	" 17	Inventory of Legn furniture, enclosed.	10/7
	160	" 17	Transfer of charge of Legn. to Mr. Young this day, reported.	10/7
John Russell Young	1	" 17	Assumes charge of Legn. this day.	10/9
	2	" 17	1-10 & various circulars received.	10/9
	3	" 17	Archives are in excellent condition. Furniture old & clumsy: Purchase by U.S. of premises for Legn. in Peking recommended. Commends Mr. Holcombe.	10/9
	4	" 19	Interpreters to Consulates in China. Deprecates inadequacy of compensation allowed for. Case of Mr. C. J. Taylor a very able interpreter who is leaving our service to enter service of China.	10/25
	5	" 19	Corea. Anti-foreign revolt in. Its possible consequences. Ill feeling between China & Japan. Position which U.S. should occupy. Action taken by Mr. Young in the interest of all parties. Confirms his telegram of 15th inst. Correspondence enclosed.	10/25
R. W. Shufeldt	—	" 23	Corea. Triplicate original of treaty and draft of treaty agreed upon between him & Viceroy Li enclosed. Letter of King of Corea to the President rel. to suzerainty of China over Corea is dated before treaty. Agreement with Viceroy was that it should be dated after the treaty. Commodore Shufeldt will probably not visit Washn. for two months	11/25
John Russell Young	6	" 23	Reception of Mr. Young by the Chinese govt. Account of. Very satisfactory. Legation premises unsuitable	11/25
Chester Holcombe	—	Sep. 6	Account for expenses incurred in Corean treaty negotiations (Duplicate). Refers to his 157.	10/25
	7	Aug 25	Consular business. Circular to Consuls instructing them to keep Legation advised of business transacted at their offices & to furnish Legation monthly with abstract of correspondence. Necessity for this instruction. Its approval requested.	10/25

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John Russell Young	5	Aug 31	11-30 received.	10/25
	9	" 31	Customs Gazette. Copies of No. LIV. transmitted.	10/25
	10	" 31	Apptmt of Mr. John Davis as Asst. Sec. of State. Notice of, received. Consuls informed.	10/25
	11	Sep. 1	Criticism of China by Commodore Shufeldt. Matter has not yet been referred to by Chinese officials and Mr. Young has not adverted to it. Will be guided by Dept's [illegible] should occasion arise. (Enc No. 1 pub.)	10/25
	12	" 1	Consular offices (subordinate). Failure of Consul Genl. to submit nominations of, to Minister. Oversight. Letter of apology from Cons. Genl enclosed. This case conforms reason stated in Legn's [illegible] of why Consuls should keep Legation posted as to business of their offices.	10/25
	13	" 1	Corean affairs. Correspondence with Admrl Clitz, enclosed.	10/25
	14	" 11	21-23 received.	10/25
	15	" 18	Insane missionary Revd J. Fisher Crossette whom Legation had had arrested & ordered to America has been released by Consular Court at Shanghai. Copy of the decision of the court and memorandum of Sec. of Legation remonstrating against the action of the court, & Sec. of Legn. was charged when Crossette was arrested. Views of Dept. requested.	10/25
	16	" 19	Protection of foreigners in China. The Taotai of Foochow declares inability to protect lives of foreigners in the event of a riot which was apprehended in consequence of an Italian circus performance. Mr. Young will make such representations to the Foreign Office as will cause the Chinese govt. to give an assurance which will relieve the minds of the foreigners. Consul Wingate instructed that Chinese officials should not be permitted to thus evade their responsibilities towards foreigners.	10/25
	17	" 20	Account for transit compensation.	10/25
	18	" 20	Li Hung Chang. Cordial interview with, reported. The Viceroy greatly irritated by the Shufeldt letter but his irritation is agt. Commodore Shufeldt personally and does not affect his friendly feelings towards U.S.	10/25
	19	" 22	Taxes (illegal) imposed on American cotton goods near Peking. Refund of, reported. Refers to Legn's [illegible]	11/9
Chester Holcombe Sec.	—	" 26	Compensation as Chargé. Comptroller allows him same at rate of $6000 per annum. Authority to draw, requested. Account for loss by exchange. Advice of draft.	11/9
John Russell Young	20	" 27	"Ward" & "Kew Jee" claims. Note to For. Office urging payment, encld. Mr. Young intends to press these claims to a settlement as it is important they should be gotten rid of. Encloses reply of Mr. Holcombe to complaint of Chinese Legation at Wash'n. agt. his procedure in behalf of these claims. Reply to 15.	11/9
	21	" 29	Account for transit compensation (Duplicate).	11/17
	22	Oct. 1	24-27 & circular announcing apptmt of Mr. Adee as 3rd Asst. Secretary of State, received.	11/17
	23	" 1	Account for compensation while receiving instructions.	11/17
Chester Holcombe, Sec.	—	" 2	Account for compensation.	11/17
	—	" 2	Account for clerk-hire	11/17
	—	" 2	Insane Missionary Revd J. Fisher Crossette. Account for expenses of arrest & deportation of.	11/17
John Russell Young	24	" 2	Seeds. Package of, received from Russian Legation transmitted for Harvard University.	11/17
	25	" 2	Military life of Genl. Grant. Presentation of copy of Badeau's history of, to Viceroy Li, reported. Correspondence encld	11/9
	26	" 2	Account for telegrams. Advice of draft.	11/17
	27	" 2	Corea. Anti-foreigners insurrection in & its suppression. Account of. Proceedings of China & Japan in reference thereto. Deprecates Japan's exaction of a heavy indemnity from Corea. Strained relations bet. China & Japan and their relations with, & policies towards, Corea. Suggestions as to relaxation of the strain. Course of Mr. Young in the interest of reconciliation. Question of autonomy of Corea discussed. Practically autonomous. Friendliness of Corea towards U.S. Ratification of Com. Shufeldt's treaty, recommended. Report of commander of U.S.S. "Monocacy" on the insurrection, and note from Corean Embassy urging ratification of treaty, enclosed.	11/17
	28	" 6	Thanks for courtesies to U.S.S. "Monocacy". Expression of, by Mr. Young to Chinese Admiral through Viceroy Li, reported.	11/17
	29	" 6	Account for contingencies.	11/17
	30	" 7	Account for compensation while receiving instructions (Duplicate).	11/17
	31	" 7	Account for salary.	11/17
	32	" 7	Corea - Rumor of death of Queen of, unfounded.	11/17
	33	" 9	Lew Chew question. Report on. Views & action of Genl Grant rel to. Conversations of Mr. Young Li Hung Chang and Japanese officials. Both govts desire our good offices. Instructions requested.	12/1
	34	" 10	Opium question & question of education of Chinese youths in the U.S.. Conversation with Li Hung Chang rel. to, reported with comments.	12/1
	35	" 12	Account for telegrams (Duplicate)	12/1
	36	" 12	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	12/1
	37	" 14	Account for salary (Duplicate)	12/1

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John Russell Young	38	Oct. 16	Seeds for Hakodate University, transmitted.	12/1
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 14	Account for clerk-hire (Duplicate)	12/1
	—	" 14	Account for expenses of arrest & deportation of J. Fisher Crossette (Duplicate).	12/1
	—	" 14	Account for salary (Duplicate)	12/1
John Russell Young	39	" 17	Missionary trouble at Te Cho. Has thanked Chinese govt. for its action. Reply to 41.	12/1
	40	" 17	Corea. U.S. treaty with. Expression to China of thanks for assistance rendered by her in conclusion of, reported. Reply 42.	
	41	" 17	Dutch East Indies. Illegal traffic & oppressive mode of dealing with natives of, by foreigners. Steps taken by Dutch govt. for suppression of these abuses. Note from Dutch Min. enclosed.	12/1
	42	" 17	Emigration of Chinese to U.S. Question of interpretation of U.S. laws rel to Chinese immigration. Consul at Hong Kong requests Legation to ascertain views of Peking govt. Legation does not deem it expedient to do so.	12/1
	43	" 18	Cotton factory at Shanghai. Efforts of W. S. Wetmore a U.S. citizen to establish same. Rendered ineffectual by interference of Chinese. Such interference in violation of treaty. Attention of Chinese govt. called to the case. Attitude of China in regard to foreign manufactories in China. Grave issues involved.	12/1
—		" 21	Publication of his despatches. States what he desires should be eliminated from his 34 & 43.	12/1
	44	" 20	Contingent allowance. Thanks for increase of.	12/14
	45	" 21	Fine imposed on American tug boat "Fuh-li" at Ningpo for coming from Shanghai without clearance papers. Mr. Young invites For. Office to remit same by way of comity. For. Office declines. Mr. Young acquiesces in the decision, and declines to act upon suggestion of Consul at Ningpo as to further action for remission of the fine. Correspondence enclosed.	12/14
	46	" 22	Petroleum trade of U.S. Authorities at Shanghai obstruct same by forbidding use of Kerosene. Mr. Young remonstrates. Vague reply received from For. Office. Mr. Young regards it however as giving assurance that the obstruction will be removed. Correspondence rcvd.	12/14
	47	" 23	Chefoo. Reasons why our consular office at, shd. be raised from an Agency to a full Consulate.	12/14
	48	" 28	Patent rights (Foreign) Question of protection of, in China. Desires to know to what extent he shall cooperate with his colleagues in their discussion of question with For. Office. The throne assumes right to grant monopolies in manufactures, Dip Corps challenges this assumption as a violation of treaties. Case of W. F. Sines of Phila. who desires to manufacture camphor in China.	12/14
Chester Holcombe	—	" 24	Account for contingencies. Account for excess of contingent allowance, rcvd. Advice of draft.	Reply to 38. 12/14
	—	" 24	Corean treaty. Exchange of ratifications. One of the original texts should be returned to Corea when ratified copy is forwarded.	12/14
John Russell Young	49	" 30	Account for rent.	12/26
	50	" 31	Corea. Question of autonomy of. Suzerainty of China insubstantial and not likely to be displayed unless Corea be menaced by some strong power. Relation bet. China & Corea similar to relation bet. China & Siam. Memorandum of Mr. Holcombe respecting the latter, enclosed. Anticipation of instructions in Dept.'s of 30. Reasons for sending the "Monocacy" to Corea.	12/26
—		Nov. 1	Account for excess of contingent allowance (Duplicate).	12/26
	51	" 6	Missionary trouble at Swatow. Ineffectual efforts for nearly a year to obtain justice from local officers. Application now made to For. Office for redress. Case of Rev. Mr. McKibben. Correspondence rcvd.	
	52	" 7	Account for rent (Duplicate).	12/26
	52	" 10	40-42 received.	12/26
	53	" 13	Missionary trouble near Swatow. Case of Rev. Mr. McKibbin. Note from For. Office stating that orders have been issued for an investigation & settlement, enclosed.	1/6
	54	" 14	Ningpo. Reports having granted Consul at, a brief leave of absence, & placed ex-consul Lord in charge of the consulate ad interim.	1/6
	55	" 15	Trade facilities for Americans at Amoy. Steps taken for increase of, reported.	1/6
	56	" 20	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. Case of Rev. Mr. Sites. No settlement yet effected because of obstructive action of Chinese local authorities. Legation has appealed again to For. Office. Correspondence enclosed.	1/6
	57	" 20	Opium traffic. Recommends that legislation for enforcement of treaty provision prohibiting such traffic be effected. Correspondence rel. to an alleged violation of said treaty provision by American merchants at Chinkiang, enclosed.	1/6
Chester Holcombe Sec	—	" 20	Compensation for services as Chargé in 1878, 1879, 1881 & 1882. Presents claim for. Reply to instruction of Sept. 28. Accounts enclosed.	1/6
John Russell Young	58	" 23	Towing barges. At request of Messrs. Russell & Co. Legn. seeks to ascertain whether such barges will be permitted to operate on the Yangtze. Is informed by Inspector Gnl of Customs that such permission would most probably not be given.	1/16

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John Russell Young	59	Nov. 22	Pardoning of prisoners by Consul at Ningpo. Has disapproved action of the Consul on the ground that he has not pardoning power and that the pardoning is calculated to create an impression upon the Chinese prejudicial to our privileges of extraterritoriality.	1/15
	60	" 24	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. Further correspondence rel. to, enclosed.	1/15
	61	" 25	Customs gazette transmitted.	1/15
Chester Holcombe	—	" 27	Compensation for services as Chargé: Duplicates of accounts, transmitted.	1/15
John Russell Young	62	" 27	Ward & "Kear Jeor" claims. Has consented to their reference to Viceroy Li. Reasons & Reservations. Will send Mr. Holcombe to Tientsin to discuss them with the Viceroy.	
	63	" 27	Emigration of Chinese. Question of interpretation of law of US. restricting Chinese immigration. Desire of Consul Morley that Legn. ask For. Office to determine same. Refers to 42 & subs. further correspondence with Consul Morley. Legn. deems it inexpedient to act as desired by the Consul. British & Chinese subjects are the only ones embarrassed by the question.	1/15
	64	" 28	Telegraph line between Shanghai & Hong Kong. Petition of Messrs. Russell & Co. for permission to establish same. Objection offered by China is the monopoly granted to the Great Northern Telegraph Co. Features of the monopoly which are absurd & injurious to China & Western interests, pointed out. German, French, & English Mins. are cooperating with Mr. Young for a concession to Russell & Co. Correspondence enclosed.	1/15
	65	Dec. 1	Trade facilities for Americans at Amoy. Refers to his 58 & reports further action for increase of.	1/15
	66	" 2	Missionary trouble & Yenping. Case of Revd. Mr. Sites. Further correspondence enclosed. Consul instructed to press case until settled & to decline discussion of irrelevant question.	1/15
	67	" 4	Books purchased for Legn. Authority to draw for $50. requested.	1/15
	68	" 5	43-45 & 47 received. No. 46 not yet received.	1/15
	69	" 6	Manufacturing by foreigners. Serious & vindictive opposition to, at Shanghai. Remonstrance of Legation. Action of Legation embarrassed by action of Acting Cons. Genl. China claims that foreigners have no right to manufacture. Absurdity of this claim. Reviews question at length. Encs. correspondence.	1/23
	70	" 11	Medical Reports transmitted.	1/23
	71	" 11	Insane missionary Rev. J. Vinken Crossette applies to Legation for a passport. Legation withholds action upon the application until receipt of reply to its #15.	1/23
	72	" 12	German interests at Swatow interfered with by local authorities. Armed force landed from German war vessel and interference repelled. Mr. Young regrets this course of the Germans.	1/23
	73	" 12	Petroleum Trade (American) Restriction of, at Shanghai. Refers to his #46. For. Office denies that trade has been restricted, and says that restrictive proclamations are now dead letters. Mr. Young has applied to Consuls for statistics respecting petroleum trade.	1/23
	74	" 12	Naval school (Chinese) at Tientsin. Regulations of, and terms of admission to.	1/23
	75	" 14	Corea. Suggestion of a British naval officer to his govt that Port Hamilton in Corea be taken possession of by Gt. Britain. Views of Li Hung Chang and Russian Minister. Their govts. would oppose such acquisition by Gt. Britain.	2/7
	76	" 16	Telegraph progress in China. Newspaper articles rel. to, enclosed.	2/7
	77	" 18	Manufacturing by foreigners at Shanghai. Naval opposition of Chinese to. Case of Mr. Nelmore. Refers to Legn.'s 69 & encs. Statement of Mr. Nelmore.	2/23
	78	" 18	Corea. The — disposition of, towards foreigners. Alleged proclamation of King of Corea setting forth same, enclosed.	2/23
	79	" 19	German interests at Swatow. Interference with by Chinese discontinued in consequence of German menace of force. Successful result of Germany's policy of coercion contrasted with failure at Shanghai of our policy of friendly remonstrance. Refers to Legn.'s 69 & 72.	2/23
	80	" 20	Decay of China. Two valuable newspaper articles setting forth same, enclosed.	2/23
	81	" 20	Anniversaries (National) of China and the various countries represented at Peking. Arrangement with China for reciprocal celebration of, reported.	2/20
	82	" 21	Political. Viceroy of Nanking, Tso Chungtang, the leader of the antiforeign party, has been reprimanded by the Emperor. Probability of early retirement of Tso from public life; an event much to be desired.	2/23
	83	" 21	Political. Removal of Wang Wen Shao, a Minister of the For. Office, a progressivist, and much esteemed by Dip. Corps, from office in consequence of an intrigue of the antiforeign party, reported. Regret.	2/23
	TU	" 21	Historical work prepared in Chinese by an American missionary, Rev. D.Z. Sheffield. Copy of, enclosed. Commends the work.	2/23

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1892	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
John Russell Young	85	Dec. 26	Corea & China. Commercial convention between, enclosed with an exhaustive memorandum upon it, by Secretary of Legation. Reasons why our treaty with Corea should be ratified.	1/23
	86	" 27	Siam. Rumor that China is about to resume suzerainty over. Japan much excited in consequence. Information contained in Legn.'s #80 given by Mr. Young to Japanese Minister. Mr. Young has applied to U.S. Min. at Bangkok for further information because China's denial that she is negotiating with Siam may be only technically correct; one of her viceroys may be negotiating.	1/23
	87	" 28	Corea, China, & Japan. Relations between. Conversation with Japanese Minister on subject. Question of a Congress of various Powers to guarantee autonomy of Corea, discussed.	2/23
	88	" 31	Account for rent.	2/23
	89	" 31	Account for salary. Advice of draft for loss by exchange.	2/23
	90	" 31	Account for incidental expenses.	2/23
Chester Holcombe Secy.	—	" 31	Account for salary. Advice of draft for loss by exchange.	2/23
John Russell Young	91	Jany. 1 1893	46-51 & circular of Oct. 23, received.	3/1
	92	" 2	Corean revolt. Thanks of Japan for Mr. Young's good offices. Note from Min. for For. Affs of Japan, enclosed.	3/1
	93	" 3	German interests at Amoy. Interference of local authorities with. Refusal of Taotai to comply with orders from Peking for cessation of. Demand of German Minister for investigation and redress. Mr. Young has informed German Minister that he will join other ministers in demanding an imperial decree commanding respect on part of local authorities for orders of For. Office. Has requested Admiral Clitz to send vessels to China. Foreign interests in China are in jeopardy.	3/1
	94	" 4	Manufacturing interests of Americans in Shanghai injured by action of local authorities. Special cases settled, but such settlement not satisfactory. Deprecates course of Acting Consul-Genl in discussing cases with local authorities. Matter entirely diplomatic and should have been referred to Legation for discussion. United pressure of For. Reps. at Peking necessary for obtainment of respect for our rights.	3/1
	95	" 4	Political. Degradation of Ma Taotai a protegé of Li Hung Chang. Apprehension that it was intended as an anti-foreign demonstration & a blow at the great Viceroy, seems to be unfounded.	3/1
	96	" 5	Missionaries in Consular service. Objection of Acting Consul Genl. at Shanghai thereto. Mr. Young does not concur in views of Acting Consul Genl. Reasons.	3/1
	97	" 6	German interests at Amoy. In consequence of continuance of interference of local authorities a body of German marines were landed and forcibly recovered property seized by local authorities. This proceeding viewed with regret by Mr. Young.	3/1
	98	" 8	Account for rent (Duplicate)	3/1
	99	" 8	Account for salary (Duplicate)	3/1
	100	" 8	Account for incidental expenses (Duplicate).	3/1
Chester Holcombe Sec. of Legn.	—	" 8	Account for salary (Duplicate)	3/1
John Russell Young	101	" 9	Consular business. Legation should be kept advised of. Urgently requests that Consuls be instructed to furnish Legation monthly with abstracts of their correspondence Reply to 51	3/1
	—	" 10	Hankow. Charge preferred agt. M. A Jenkins, Interpreter at, by Chinese authorities of sending obscene pictures & opium smoking materials to the interior of China through the mails, reported. Charge being investigated.	3/1
	102	" 13	Ward & "Kow Joe" claims. Refers to Legn.'s #62 & reports departure of Mr. Holcombe for Tientsin to negotiate settlement. Instructions given to Mr. Holcombe, inclosed.	3/16
	103	" 15	Military Attaché to Legation. Appointment of, recommended.	3/16
	104	" 18	Japan & China. Relations between. Private letters exhibitory of status of, enclosed. Irritation of Japan at recent commercial treaty between Corea & China. Hopes Japan will not act except in concert with Western Powers. Such concert of action would probably result in satisfactory amendment of the treaty.	3/16
	105	" 18	Meridian & Time Standard Congress. At suggestion of Legn., Chinese Min. at Wash'n will be instructed to ask U.S. to detail officers to represent China in the Congress.	3/16
	106	" 19	Manufacturing interests of Americans. Interference with, by local authorities at Shanghai. Deprecates action of acting Consul general in the matter. Has requested him to take no further action. Correspondence enclosed.	3/26
	107	" 19	Corea. Imprisonment and hard treatment of Father of King of, by the Chinese. Report of, received from Japanese Min., enclosed. Japan regards this imprisonment as evidence of China's intention to maintain ascendancy over Corea.	3/26

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John Russell Young	108	Jany. 19	German interests at Amoy. Interference with, by local authorities. Report on, by Consul Goldsborough, enclosed. Persecution of Chinese for investing money in foreign enterprises. Proposes to remonstrate to For: Office on this account.	3/26
	109	" 23	Manufacturing interests of Americans at Shanghai. Interference with, by local authorities. Mr. Wetmore has formulated a claim for damages. Instructions as to presentation of it, requested.	3/26
	110	" 23	War vessels. Presence of, at Tientsin. Agreement of For: Repr. at Peking that there should at all times be a war vessel of some nation present at Tientsin, enclosed for approval.	3/26
	111	" 25	Siam. Rumor of intention of China to resume exercise of suzerainty over Siam. Viceroy Li has told Mr. Holcombe that proposition for such resumption has been made to Siam through Viceroy at Canton. Mr. Young does not believe the question will ever take practical shape; at most only a mere form; U.S. not interested.	3/26
	112	" 25	Corea. Annoyance of Japan by China's claim to suzerainty. Desire of Japan to have U.S. act for defeat of the claim. Conversation with Japanese Min., reported. Mr. Young discouraged agitation on account of a question of form like that of the suzerainty claim, and stated that establishment of commercial relations should be the real question of concern. Japan desires to act with U.S. Course which Japan shd. pursue.	3/26
	113	" 25	Corea. Japan's treaty of August last with Corea, encld.	3/26
	114	" 29	Political. Growth of reactionary tendencies on account of illness of Prince Kung & waning influence of Li Hung Chang. Disturbing rumors. Need of govt. of China for a strong man at its head. New Year's calls.	3/26
	115	" 29	Opium question. Interesting papers on, encld. with comments. Recommendations made and hopes held out by Mr. Young to China for obtainment of relief.	3/26
	116	" 30	Manufactures. Note from For: Office denying right of foreigners to engage in, encld. Instructions requested.	4/23
	117	Feb. 1	Cargo-boats. Imposition of tonnage duties on, at Woosung. Doubtful propriety. Mr. Young has brought matter to attention of Chinese authorities who promise to give it consideration	4/23
	118	" 2	Duty on soft wood planks. Increase of, by China. Joint remonstrance of Dip. Repr. to For: Office, encld.	4/23
	119	" 3	Tonnage duties. Chinese regulations governing the assessment of, enclosed. Has instructed Consuls to be guided by them.	4/23
	120	" 4	Manufacturing interests of Americans at Shanghai. Interference with, by local authorities. Case of Mr. Wetmore. Note from For: Office arguing against right of Mr. Wetmore to manufacture and reply of Mr. Young answering the arguments & contending that pending settlement of the general question of right of foreigners to engage in manufacture, Mr. Wetmore's project should not be interfered with, and setting forth the very unfriendly manner in which the Chinese authorities have acted, enclosed. Embarrassing position of China. Her desire to have us abandon policy of co-operation. Interests of the European powers in China. Our interests in the policy of co-operation & the question of manufactures in China are small. Suggestions as to our conceding to China the right to suppress manufacturing by foreigners.	4/23
	121	" 5	Railway progress in China. Report of Consul at Tientsin on, encld with commendation.	4/23
	122	" 6	Naval vessels of U.S. Presence of, in Chinese waters. Correspondence with commanders, encld.	4/23
	123	" 7	Drawbacks. Delay on part of Chinese customs authorities in paying same. Serious injury to merchants. Complaint of Fearon Low & Co. Action taken by Mr. Young for relief.	4/23
	124	" 8	Wharfage dues. Has assented to collection of, from Americans at Kiukiang.	4/23
	125	" 9	Corea. Russia will probably conclude a treaty with, independently of the other Western Powers.	4/23
	126	" 10	Claim of W. S. Wetmore vs. China for suppression of a manufacturing enterprise of his at Shanghai. Memorial enclosed. Instructions requested. Letter from Mr. Young to Mr. Wetmore setting forth mismanagement of the latter's case by acting consul-genl., encld.	4/23
	127	" 11	Emigration of Chinese from Hong Kong. Dept.'s No. 60 acknd.	4/23
	128	" 12	Immigration of Chinese to U.S. Friendly disposition of U.S. towards China. No. 59, acknd.	4/23
Chester Holcombe	Tel	" 3	Ward claims. Viceroy Li offers principal and interest at eight. Shall I accept. Cable response.	
	Tel	" 9	Claim of C. E. Hill for his vessel the "Kew Jee". Viceroy wishes to offset it with Canton indemnity. Mr. Holcombe cannot discuss this. Asks Dept. to tell Chinese Min. at Wash.: that payment of this claim ought to precede action respecting the indemnity question.	
	Tel	" 9	Ward "Kew Jee" claims. "Cable received. Will obey. May I accept eight interest Ward claims."	
	Tel	" 14	Ward claims. Li refuses nine interest. Offers eight. Shall I accept.	
	Tel	" 22	Ward claims paid; interest as instructed. Justice Hill claim admitted. Delay in payment regretted. Chinese feel hurt at not being treated as favorably as Japanese by Congress respecting return of indemnity fund.	

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John Russell Young	129	Feb. 15	Corea. British treaty with. Adverse criticism of, by Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, encld. Terms of British treaty are almost identical with the terms of ours.	4/23
	130	" 15	Dutch East Indies. Illegal traffic of foreigners. Dept's No. 68 communicated to Dutch Minister. Note of thanks from the latter, enclosed.	4/23
	131	" 19	Siam. China's claim to suzerainty over. Despatch from U.S. Minister at Bangkok stating that overtures have been recently made for resumption of China's exercise of suzerain rights, and that the overtures have been emphatically rejected. Mr. Young has so informed his Japanese colleague Not likely that suzerainty will be exercised by China over Siam.	4/23
	132	" 19	New Year's call upon the Ministers of the For. Office reported. Cordial reception. Friendly sentiments uttered	4/23
	133	" 20	Petroleum trade (American). Restrictions upon in China. The restrictions are not serious; they are the result of timidity & ignorance; trade is increasing; consular reports on subject enclosed. Has deemed it inadvisable to remonstrate to For. Office, and has instructed Consuls to deal with the restrictions in a patient & friendly spirit.	4/23
	134	" 20	Passports. Restrictions sought to be imposed by Taotai at Newchwang upon issuance of. Has instructed Consul not to admit such restrictions.	4/23
	135	" 20	Political. Refers to his #95 as to declining influence of Li Hung Chang, and reports that Ma Taotai, Li's protégé, has since been honored and that a special mark of approbation is to be conferred upon Li. This shows that China is satisfied with the settlement of the Corean complication last summer, and that Li is still the master spirit of the Imperial councils.	4/23
	136	" 21	Political. Refers to his #83 respecting the retirement of Wang Wen Shao, and encs. copy of charges of bribery against Wang which are supported mainly by the appearance of a comet. Mr. Young believes the retirement was due to political influence not to personal dishonesty.	
	137	" 22	Lew Chewan question. Newspaper censure of course pursued by China in negotiating with Japan for settlement. The censure is based upon statements in published despatches of Mr. Angell.	4/23
	138	" 24	Portugal & China. Treaty negotiations. Portuguese Min. asks for Legn.'s good offices. Difficulty is question of sovereignty over Macao. Mr. Young does not see that we can with advantage interfere. Draft of treaty proposed by Portugal enclosed	4/23
	139	" 26	Account for telegrams	4/23
Chester Holcombe	—	" 28	Account for expenses at Tientsin. Advice of draft.	4/23
John Russell Young	140	" 28	51-65 received.	4/23
	141	Mar. 1	66-69 received.	4/23
	142	" 1	Passport return for the year 1882.	4/23
	143	" 8	Petroleum trade. Refers to Legn.'s 133 & encs. report from Cons. at Canton. Has instructed Consul to guard the interests of the trade.	5/5
	144	" 10	70-71 received.	5/5
	145	" 12	Account for purchase of law books. States why he purchased without previous authority from Dept. Refers to #74.	5/5
	146	" 13	Trade Reports & List of Chinese Lighthouses, transmitted.	5/5
	147	" 13	Corea. Ratification of Commodore Shufeldt's treaty. No. 71 announcing same received with gratification.	5/5
	148	" 13	Education (Military) of Chinese in the U.S. No. 80 stating that there is no accomodation for Chinese students at West Point, received. Non admission of Chinese to West Point may be regarded by China as unfriendly in view of our admission of Japanese to Naval Academy. Reactionary influence in China prevents establishment of military & naval schools. Military disaster necessary for the development of China's resources.	5/5
	149	" 14	Release of prisoners by Consul at Ningpo No. 75 received & complied with.	5/5
	150	" 14	Transit of Chinese to & from China & Foreign Countries via the U.S. Decision of Atty. Genl that same is allowable will tend to strengthen our position respecting restriction of Chinese immigration. China is reticent on subject of such restriction. Conjectures of Mr. Young as to what her sentiments are.	5/5
Chester Holcombe	—	" 17	Account for expenses at Tientsin (Duplicate).	5/5
John Russell Young	151	" 15	Naval construction by the Chinese. Consular Reports on, enclosed. Motives for this increased activity	5/24
	152	" 15	Loss of the U.S.S. "Ashuelot". Comments of Consul Seymour. Necessity for increase of our naval force in Asiatic waters.	5/24
	153	" 16	Petroleum trade. Restrictions upon. Further report from Consul at Foochow encld. Restrictions are the result of fear & ignorance, and are gradually being removed.	5/24
	154	" 17	Emigration (Chinese). Discusses question. Interesting remarks of a high Chinese official. Macao reopened to emigration. Report from Consul at Canton, enclosed.	5/24
	155	" 17	Account for telegrams (Duplicate)	5/24

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John Russell Young	156	Mar. 19	Passport returns for 1882.	5/24
	157	" 19	Account for purchase of law books (Duplicate)	5/24
	158	" 19	Pakhoi. Commission of G.H.M. Playfair as Cons. Agt. at, returned, he having left Pakhoi.	5/24
	159	" 20	Tonquin. Affairs in. Danger of trouble bet. France & China. Memorandum of conversation between Mr. Holcombe & Viceroy Li, enclosed.	5/24
	160	" 20	Opium question in China. Scheme for dealing with, designed by Mr. Holcombe at request of Viceroy Li, enclosed with report of conversation bet. Mr. Holcombe & the Viceroy.	5/24
	161	" 20	Opium traffic at Chinkiang. Refers to his 57 & encs. Further correspondence. Case of alleged sale of opium by an American merchant seems to have been disposed of.	5/24
	162	" 20	Corea. Customs establishment in. Rumor that a German of Viceroy Li's staff has been appted to organize same. Hopes rumor is unfounded because the rumored appointee lacks suitable qualifications.	5/24
	163	" 20	Gunpowder. Discovery of, by the Chinese. Correspondence on subject enclosed with a historical sketch by Dr. Eakins.	5/24
	164	" 20	Lease of Legation premises at Peking enclosed for approval.	5/24
	165	" 21	Manufacturing interests of foreigners at Shanghai. Refers to his 120. Correspondence bet. Consular Corps and the Viceroy of Nanking enclosed. China will probably not concede right of foreigners to engage in manufactures. Not likely that any foreigner will venture upon any new manufacturing enterprise.	5/24
	166	" 21	Corea. Attitude of U.S. in regard to. Discusses question. Policy of China. Position of Japan. No. 81, asked.	6/7
	167		See below (Apl 10)	
	168	" 22	Lew Chewan question. China not disposed to make any concession. Conversation of Mr. Young with Japanese Min., and conversation of Mr. Holcombe with Viceroy Li, enclosed with comments.	5/24
	169	" 23	Drawback certificates. Injury to merchants in consequence of delay of customs authorities in paying same. Refers to his 120 & encs. Further correspondence. Has asked For. Office to instruct customs authorities to pay promptly.	5/24
	170	" 24	Corean affairs. Policy of Japan in regard to Corea. Correspondence bet Japanese Min. for For. Affs. and Mr. Young enclosed.	5/24
	171	" 24	For. Office of China. Recent changes in. Difficulty of transaction of business. Complaints of the several legations.	5/24
	172	" 24	52-54 & circ. of Jany 25, received.	5/24
	173	" 31	Account for rent	5/24
	174	" 31	Account for salary.	5/24
	175	" 31	Account for contingencies.	5/24
	176	" 31	Stationery requested.	5/24
Chester Holcombe Sec. of Legn	—	" 31	Account.	5/24
John Russell Young	177	Apl. 2	Customs Gazette. Three copies of No. 66 transmitted.	5/24
	167	" 10	Ward & "Kiu Jeor" claims. Detailed report of negotiations for settlement, and correspondence enclosed. Has deposited $56.246 56/100 received in settlement of the Ward claims with HongKong and Shanghai Bank for six months at 4% interest. Instructions as to its distribution, requested.	6/7
Chester Holcombe Sec. of Legn.	—	" 16	Account (Duplicate).	6/7
John Russell Young	178	" 16	Railway system in China. Has referred H.V. Poor to Dept. for information rel. to.	6/7
	179	" 16	Account for salary (Duplicate)	6/7
	180	" 16	Account for rent (Duplicate)	6/7
	181	" 16	Account for contingencies (Duplicate)	6/7
	182	" 19	Petroleum trade in China. Correspondence with Consul at Canton on subject, enclosed.	6/7
	183	" 20	Macao. Reopening of, to emigration. Decree of King of Portugal, enclosed. Recommends that a consular office be established at Macao.	6/7
	184	" 24	Patent rights. Protection of, in China. No. 85, asked.	6/7
	185	" 24	Historical work in Chinese prepared by Rev. D.Z. Sheffield. Thanks of Dept. for copy of, conveyed to Mr. Sheffield. Reply to 89.	6/7
	186	" 25	Chinkiang. Recommends that a testimonial be given British Consul for services as U.S. Consul at	6/7
	187	" 25	Testimonials for services rendered U.S.S. "Ashuelot". Recommends that same be given to certain officers of the Chinese customs service.	6/7
	188	" 26	Hankow. Refers to Dept.'s separate of March 5. Charge agt. interpreter Jenkins not yet substantiated. Nos. 85-90 received.	6/7
	189	" 27	Manufacturing interests of Americans at Shanghai. Interference with by, local authorities. Memo to remind State Dept. position of affairs. Further reports [illegible]	6/7

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John Russell Young	190	Apl. 27	Manufacturing interests of Germans at Amoy. Interference with by local authorities. Report of Consul Goldsborough, enclosed. Chinese authorities have succeeded in closing iron foundries by intimidating the Chinese workmen.	6/7
	191	" 27	Ningpo. Leave of absence granted Consul Stevens, by Legn. W. F. McKee appted Consul ad interim.	6/25
	192	" 30	Tientsin. L. W. Pilcher recognized as Vice Consul at Chinese offer no objection to his acting as Consul during absence of Consul Zusch. Legn. has so informed Consul. Vice Consuls must be selected from either missionaries or merchants. Missionaries preferable. China strongly protests against merchants being appointed Vice Consuls. Reply to 92.	6/25
	193	May 7	94-100 received.	6/25
	194	" 7	Corea. Opening of diplomatic relations with. No. 91, received. Expresses congratulations. Will aid Minister Foote in every way possible. Attitude of Japan. She will probably follow our course of action. Pacificatory course which Mr. Young intends to pursue.	6/25
	195	" 8	Consulates. Inspection of. Will make tour of inspection with great pleasure. Reply to 99.	
	196	" 9	Lew Chewan question. Settlement of this question — between China & Japan should include also Corean question. Mr. Young will keep Mr. Bingham fully advised. Impartiality of Mr. Young's course	Reply 6/25
	197	" 11	Corea. Mr. Foote's mission to. No. 103, received. Mr. Young will render Mr. Foote all possible aid.	6/25
	198	" 17	101-106 received.	7/5
	199	" 18	Claim of A. A. Fisher against China for injuries sustained during riot at Shanghai in 1874. Will present same without delay. Reply to 102.	7/5
	200	" 18	Consular correspondence. Thanks for Dept's instruction to Consuls to furnish Legn. with monthly abstracts of their correspondence.	7/5
	201	" 19	Manufacturing interests of Americans. Interference with at Shanghai. Case of Mr. Wetmore. Legn.'s instruction to Acting Cons. Genl. to desist from corresponding with local authorities had reference to this particular case alone; was not intended to be construed generally. Reply to 105.	7/5
	202	" 19	Trade facilities for Americans at Amoy. Failure of efforts of Legn. for increase of, reported. Refers to his 55.	7/
	203	" 19	Trade Report for January-March 1883, enclosed.	7/16
	204	" 22	Population of China. Census taken last year as a basis for taxation shows population to be 255,000,000. Reasons for believing the population to be in reality over 300,000,000.	7/16
	205	" 22	Missionary trouble near Swatow. Case of Rev. Mr. McKibben. Refers to Legn.'s 53 & sues further correspondence. Case practically disposed of.	7/16
	206	" 24	Missionary trouble at Yen Ping. Case of Rev. Mr. Sites. Further correspondence sent. Local authorities refuse to comply with terms of settlement. Resources of the Legation exhausted. Case referred to Department for further instructions.	7/16
	207	" 31	Immigration of Chinese U. S. Consul at Nagasaki asks whether Chinese Consul there, is competent to issue certificate of identity required by laws of U.S. Mr. Young answers affirmatively.	7/16
	208	June 4	Passport blanks requested.	7/16
	209	" 5	Marine notices transmitted.	
	210	" 5	Inquest in case of Wm. Burk, a suicide. Failure of Consul-Genl. at Shanghai to hold same. Legation instructs Consul Genl. not to fail similarly hereafter.	7/16
	210	" 12	Shanghai. Recommends that Consul-Genl. at, be permitted to remove his office to other premises than those now occupied. Present premises fraudulently obtained from Shanghai authorities by Mr. Seward. Corruption & bad repute of Mr. G. F. Seward. Despatches from Consul-Genl. Denny, enclosed. Excessiveness of rent charged for present premises.	7/16
	211	" 7	Real estate. Prohibition of sale of, to foreigners at Foochow. Occupancy by Miss Julia E. Sparr, M.D. of property sold to her for the purpose of a hospital being erected thereon, prevented, and those who sold it, imprisoned & tortured. Remonstrance addressed to For. Office. Direction given to Consul Wingate. Treaty inoperative, to a large extent, at Foochow. Instructions requested. Correspondence enclosed.	7/30
	212	" 9	Clearance of Bark Pearl by Acty. Cons. Genl. at Shanghai, while duties remained unpaid. Legn. disapproves action of Acty. Cons. Genl.	Correspondence sent. 8/3
	213	" 12	Missionary trouble at Ngahow. Particulars of the case. Remonstrance addressed to For. Office. Difficult to secure redress in such cases owing to hostility of local authorities and indifference of Chinese govt. Correspondence enclosed. Instructions requested.	7/30
	214	" 13	Foreigners. Growing hostility to, in China on account of difficulty between France & China. Fears of a serious outbreak. Inefficiency of various Viceroys. Question of issuance of passports to wives of missionaries. Supplements his 213. Situation of foreigners critical in consequence of inefficiency & hostility of local authorities & indifference of Central Govt. Correspondence with Consul at Canton, enclosed.	7/30
	215	" 13	107-113 & circular of Apl. 13, received.	7/30

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Chester Holcombe Sec'y Legn		June 30	Account.	8/13
John Russell Young	216	" 22	Trade Reports of China transmitted.	8/29
	217	" 25	114-120 & circ. of March 28, received.	8/29
	218	" 30	Account for rent.	8/29
	219	" 30	Missionary trouble at Jenping. Case of Dr Sites. Local authorities persist in their refusal to carry out in good faith a basis of settlement reached between the Legation and the Foreign Office. Further instructions have been sent	9/10
	220	" 30	Search of American missionary premises at Wuchang by Chinese officials. Foreign office apologizes & promises that it will not occur again correspondence	9/10
	221	" 30	Accounts. Contingent & pensions	9/10
	222	July 22	121-129 received. Text of telegram of 12th	9/24
	223	July 24	Corea. Chino question. In the face of present questions between China & France this subject is not likely to be revived	9/10
	224	" 24	Corean affairs. Instruction No 124 will be carefully & beyond doubt understanding bet. China, Japan & Corea possible	9/10
	225	" 25	Medical reports transmitted	9/10
	Tel	July 5	France & China difficulty between. Negotiation broken off. China desires good offices of U.S. for peace. England & Russia consent to give them. Suggestion of Mr. Young that China propose to France Arbitration like no 24 Corea accepted by China. Situation critical. France insists upon absolute compliance with all her demands, & threatens to exact 40 million dollars in payment of expenses of expedition to Tonquin.	9/10
	226	Aug. 25	Accounts for rent	9/10
Chester Holcombe		" 25	Account	9/12
John Russell Young	227	Aug 4	130-135 received	9/24
	228	" 6	Corea. Question as to sovereignty over by China. Think Chinese will never release their moral hold upon Corea until forced to do so by events	9/24
	229	" 8	Accounts duplicate	10/1
	230	" 8	France & China. Their relations with respect to Annam. Interview with Li Hung Chang. Advice given to China about the internal & external policy which she should adopt. Honor paid to Li by U.S. Navy. Mr Young offered the position of Ambassador of China to treaty powers	10/1
	231	" 15	Yard claim vs China. Encs. letter from Mrs. A. E. S. Taylor claiming an interest in the claim	10/1
	232	" 16	France & China. Their relations with respect to Annam. China desires the U.S. to act as arbitrator. Interview with Li Hung Chang	10/1
	233	" 18	Clearance of bark "Pearl" by acting Consul General at Shanghai while duties remained unpaid. China withdraws her demand that the Consul General be required to pay the duties.	10/1
	234	" 18	Drawback Certificates are now considered by China as exchangable for cash	10/1
	235	" 18	Manufacturing by foreigners in China. That government claims that the treaties do not confer the right upon foreigners. Encs. correspondence	10/1
	236	" 20	Corea. British treaty-negotiation with. Attitude of U.S. Will inform British Min. thereof if occasion offers. Reply to #188.	10/20
	237	" 20	Manufacturing enterprise of Mr. Wetmore. Destruction of, by Chinese. Bad management of the case by Mr. Cheshire acting Cons. Gen at Shanghai. No. 140 asks. Further explanation unnecessary.	10/20
	238	" 20	Claim of W. S. Wetmore vs China for destruction of a business enterprise and the arrest of his comprador. No. 136 received. Smaller claim will be held in abeyance until greater one is ready for presentation. Will inform For. Office that matter is dormant, not dead.	10/20
	239	" 20	Customs Gazette, transmitted.	10/20
	240	" 20	Cipher telegram of 15th inst. from Dept. Meaning of it is somewhat problematical. Nos. 136-141 received	10/
	241	" 20	Anniversaries (National) China accepts the suggestions of the Dip Corps and will in future observe the days named.	10/20
	242	Aug 20	Manufacturing. Does not deem it advisable to convert China to the use of Western machinery because with its use she could undersell the world. England's policy in China is governed by fear of such result. China however is not averse to the use of machinery but is opposed to manufactures becoming under control of foreigners. Treaty rights of foreigners to manufacture in China are at an end. Americans not materially affected. Policy of expectancy recommended.	10/20
	243	" 25	Hawkins. Charge against Interpreter at, Mr A. Jenkins, of smuggling obscene pictures. Report of Consul Shepard exonerating Mr. Jenkins, enclosed. Case furnishes a strong argument in favor of provision being made for a proper interpreter system.	10/20

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1883	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
John Russell Young	244	Aug. 30	Disturbance at Canton. Lives of foreigners menaced. Danger now passed in consequence of gratifying prompt and energetic efforts of Viceroy. Report of Consul enclosed.	10/20
	245	" 31	Ward claims. Enquiry of J. A. Coombs whether he is entitled to portion of indemnity received from China, enclosed. Does not regard claim of Coombs as well founded.	10/20
	246	Sep. 1	142-144 received.	10/20
	247	" 1	Catholic missionaries in Corea. Letter from Thos T. Ferguson requesting good offices of U.S. Min. at Seoul in behalf of, enclosed. Copy has been sent by Mr Young to Min. Foote.	10/20
	248	" 3	Citizenship status of St John H. Edwards. Judicial decision of Attn. in regard to, enclosed. Edwards was born in Singapore. His father was a negro, born in Maine, & left the U.S. 40 years ago, when negroes had not citizen rights. Minister holds that Edwards is a U.S. citizen.	10/20
	249	" 4	Taxation of cocoons. Arbitrary increase of, by Chinese authorities to the detriment of Russell & Co.'s filature business, reported.	10/20
	250	" 4	Account for salary.	10/20
	251	" 7	Steamship Co. (Chinese). Probability of formation of a new one. Project gives hopes of progress towards introduction of railways.	10/20
	252	" 7	France & China. Tonquin question. Proclamation of French Commander to the inhabitants of Tonquin, enclosed. French Min. remains at Shanghai, refusing to come to Peking.	10/20
	253	" 10	145-153 & circ. of July 25, received.	10/20
	254	" 10	Opium question. Discussion of. Letter received from British Anti-Opium Society rel. to policy of China, communicated by Mr Young to Viceroy Li. Has told the Viceroy that China ought to suppress the growth of the poppy within her territory	10/20
Tel.	" 10		Claim of Chas. S. Hill for his steamer Kee Yee. Dept.'s instruction rel. to, lost. Duplicate requested.	10/20
	255	" 16	Account for salary (Duplicate)	11/16
Tel.	" 18		France & China. Difficulty between. Treaty reported France Annam destroys autonomy latter. Chinese Foreign Office	
	256	" 28	Account for telegrams. Advice of draft. declare will strenuously resist reinforcement.	12/1
	257	" 28	Diplomatic service of China. Information rel. to, furnished. Reply to circ. of July 25.	12/1
	258	" 28	154-157 received.	12/1
	259	" 28	France & China. Difficulty between. Dept.'s 155 rel. to, has been read with deep interest.	12/1
	260	" 29	Macao. Will endeavor to find a suitable person willing to act as fiscal Consul at. Reply to 166.	12/1
	261	" 29	Japanese Min. for For. Affs., Iwakura Tomomi. Death of. Comments. Personal character & ability of Mr Iwakura, & his influence for good.	12/1
	262	Oct. 3	Shanghai. Premises of consulate-general at. Refers to his 210 & explains why he recommended change of location. Has since received information tending to show that title of the premises was not fraudulently obtained by Mr. Seward. Commendation of Mr. Seward.	12/1
	263	" 4	Account for salary.	12/1
	264	" 4	Account for rent.	12/1
Chester Holcombe Sec of Legn	—	" 4	Account for salary.	12/1
John Russell Young	265	" 5	Account for telegrams (Duplicate).	12/1
	266		Charges preferred against Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn., by Consul Genl Denny. [For Index see Dec. 26, 1883.]	
	267	" 8	Political. Letter from W.H. Pethick giving an inside view of Chinese administration. Refers to current questions & recommends that U.S. pursue a policy of conciliation & forbearance towards China.	1/9
	268	" 8	France & China. Difficulty between. Comments adversely upon course of France. Recent treaty bet. France & Annam mold.	China refuses to accept
	269	" 15	Medical Reports of China, transmitted.	12/20
	270	" 23	158-168 & circ. of Aug. 20, received.	12/20
	271	" 24	Wharfage dues for improvement of river front at Tientsin. Unjust distribution of fund derived therefrom. American frontage not improved. Complaint of Consul. Mr. Young, however, does not regard the matter as of sufficient importance to quarrel about. Correspondence, enclosed.	12/20
	272	" 29	German Minister. Statement of Li Hung Chang, reported in Legn.'s 230, to the effect that Mr. von Brandt had been recalled, proves to have been erroneous. Gratification of Mr. Young.	12/20
	273	" 31	Account for salary (Duplicate).	12/20
	274	" 31	Account for rent (Duplicate).	12/20
Chester Holcombe, Sec. of Legn.	—	" 31	Account for Salary (Duplicate).	12/20
	275	Nov. 1	Japan & China. Danger of trouble between, has happily passed. Japan thanks Mr. Young for his mediation.	1/9
	276	" 8	165-167 & circ. of Sept. 1, received.	1/9
	277	" 8	Riot at Canton last September. Full particulars & causes thereof, stated. Further trouble apprehended.	1/9
	278	" 10	Cargo boats. Tonnage duties on, at Wooseung. China has ordered discontinuance of levy of. This action of China is entirely satisfactory. Refers to Legn.'s 117.	1/9
	279	" 10	Tonnage dues regulations. For. Office has withdrawn same. Refers to Legn.'s 119. American interests not specially involved.	1/9

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John Russell Young	Tel	Nov. 9	France & China. Difficulty between. Emperor has ordered Chinese troops in Annam to resist French invasion of Chinese territory. Assurance given of complete protection of all foreigners including French. No immediate conflict feared. Concentration of our fleet in Chinese waters recommended.	
	280	" 12	Japanese Minister to China, Admi. Enomotto. Proposed transfer of, to London. Admiral does not wish to go to London and asks U.S. Min. to intercede for his retention at Peking. Mr. Young hesitates to do this, fearing displeasure of Dept.	1/9
	281	" 12	Missionary trouble. Case of Revd Mr. McKibben. Satisfactory adjustment of, reported.	1/9
	282	" 12	Hospital project of Miss Sparr at Foochow. Obstruction of, by local authorities. For. Office refuses to aid obtainment of justice, and declares Foochow not a treaty port. Has instructed Consul to endeavor to effect an amicable solution of difficulty, with local authorities. Refers to	1/9
	283	" 12	Ward Claims Indemnity Fund. Is proceeding rapidly with distribution of. Transmits $728.22/100, Mr. C.N. Richards' share of the fund. Reply to 150.	1/9
	284	" 13	Account for telegrams. Advice of draft.	1/9
	285	" 14	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. No progress made towards settlement of case. Will send Mr. Holcombe to Chinanfu to adjust the matter, with local authorities. Refers to Legn.'s 60.	1/9
	286	" 15	Opium Traffic. Bill before Congress for enforcement of Art II of treaty of 1880. Suggests amendments.	1/9
	287	" 16	Gunpowder. Discovery of, by Chinese. Copy of Dept.'s 169 has been given to Dr. Ed Kinns.	1/9
	288	" 22	Political. Spirit of unrest among the Chinese opposed to the Tartar dynasty. Revolutionary placard posted in Peking, and	
	Tel	" 20	Spanish Secy of Legn. at Peking has flagrantly dishonored American Legation. Urges that Spain be asked to recall him.	
	Tel	" 28	Spanish Secy of Legn. at Peking." Caught attempted dishonor Secretary's household. Details by mail. Navigation closing.	
	289	" 23	Naval protection of Americans in China. Letter addressed by Mr. Young to Admiral Crosby, expressing satisfaction & thanks, enclosed.	1/16
	290	" 23	Cordial relations bet. Mr. Young & Viceroy of Canton. Correspondence exhibitory of, enclosed.	1/16
	291	" 24	Account for telegrams (Duplicate).	1/16
	292	" 27	Ward Claims Indemnity Fund. Refers to Legn.'s 283, & encs. 2d. of Exchange for $728.22/100	1/16
	293	" 27	Account for contingencies.	1/16
	294	" 30	Account for telegrams. Advice of draft.	1/16
	295	" 30	Friendly messages. Exchange of bet. Genl. Grant & Prince Kung reported.	1/16
	296	" 30	Missionary trouble at Yenping. Case of Revd Mr. Sites. Further correspondence, encl. No substantial progress made towards settlement.	1/16
	297	" 30	Petroleum trade (American) in China. Restriction placed on, at Canton in violation of treaty. Action of Legn. for its removal & in behalf of the trade generally, reported.	1/16
	298	Dec. 1	Political. Views of an old resident in China as to what will be the results of the difficulty bet. France & China.	1/16
	299	" 4	Swatow. German Vice Consul has been placed in charge of our consular agency at, temporarily.	1/16
	300	" 4	Germany. Expression of thanks of, for interesting & confidential information furnished her, by Mr. Young in regard to the Franco-Chinese difficulty, reported.	1/16
	301	" 5	Account for contingencies (Duplicate).	1/16
	302	" 6	Customs Gazette of China, Nos I-IX, transmitted.	1/16
	303	" 8	170-175, circ. of Oct. 6 & telegram of Dec. 5, received.	1/16
	Tel	" 4	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Kerr Jeer". China has referred discussion to Washington. She offers principal but no interest. Legation declines offer; believes that full amount will be paid if insisted upon.	
	304	" 12	Citizenship & status of St. J. H. Edwards. Refers to his 248 in wh. he decided to consider Edwards an Am. citizen until instructed otherwise by Dept. Mr. Goldsborough, U.S. Consul at Amoy, refuses to be bound by Mr. Young's decision and considers Edwards not to be an Am. citizen. Mr. Goldsborough shd obey instructions from Legation at Pekin in absence of others. Case submitted for Dept's decision. Correspondence with Mr. Goldsborough enclosed.	2/2
	Tel	" 17	Claim of Charles E. Hill. China has again refused payment of interest. Legn has gone to extreme limit of Dept's instructions "Can they be more peremptory?" Cable answer. Franco-Chinese difficulty becoming more critical.	
	305	" 18	Accounts. Enc. letter to 1st Comptroller Treasury, pointing out discrepancy in instructions received from him and from Dept. in manner of accounting for fees by exchange & passport fees.	2/2
	Tel	1884 Jan 17	France and China. Difficulty between. China announces intention to obstruct Canton River as a measure of defence. British German & U.S. Ministers protest against it as being an extreme act of war in time of peace & establishing a precedent for closure of China's treaty ports at pleasure. British Minister has cabled fully to his govt. Mr. Young suggests that Dept will cable London for a view	

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John Russell Young.	306	Dec 20	Leave of absence on account of ill health, with permission to visit Japan, requested.	2/12
	307	" 24	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. Mr. Holcombe starts out on his mission to that city. Encloses his instructions to Mr. Holcombe & correspondence with Prince Kung & with missionaries at Chinanfu. Refers to his 285.	2/12
	308	" 24	France and China. Difficulty between in regard to Annam & Tonquin. Full description of the diplomatic situation & the political condition of China. Correspondence in regard to & newspaper articles enclosed.	2/27
	309	" 24	176-180 recd.	2/12
	310	" 31	Account for salary.	2/12
	311	" 31	Account for rent.	2/12
	312	" 31	Account for telegrams. Advice of draft.	2/12
	313	" 31	Account for loss by exchange. Advice of draft.	2/12
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 31	Account for salary.	2/12
	—	" 31	Account for loss by exchange. Advice of draft.	2/12
John Russell Young	—	" 26	Charges preferred against Mr. Holcombe by Consul Genl Denny for exportation of curios for barter without payment of consular fees. Mr. Holcombe denies intention of defrauding the revenue. Correspondence enclosed and the views of the Dept desired. Mr. Holcombe states curios not purchased for barter.	2/27.
	314	" 31	Diplomatic Corps at Peking. Recent changes in, reported.	2/27
	315	" 31	France & China. Impending war between. Conversation between Mr. Young & Chang-Pei-lun, the new member of Yamen, in wh. latter states China does not consider itself at war with France. but is prepared. Text of telegram	2/21
	316	" 31	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for his steamer "Georjeor". Unsatisfactory condition of. Chinese gov't offer to pay $4,000 taels but no interest. Details his action & encloses correspondence. Requests further instructions. Refers to Dept's 133.	2/27
	317	1884 Jan 2	Consulates, Inspection of. Inability to obtain a U.S. naval vessel for the journey has prevented his making same. Will now, on account of close of navigation, have to abandon trip until Spring. Refers to Dept's 99 & this 195.	2/27
	318	" 6	France & China. Difficulty between. Proposed cooperation of naval forces of Gov't. Britain, Germany & U.S. to protect neutral interests in event of hostilities. Telegrams recd by Brit. Min. from his gov't & letter to U.S. naval commander in Pacific enclosed.	2/27
	319	" 6	Claims growing out of riots at Canton in Sept 1883. Action of foreign representatives to obtain indemnity for losses by their citizens. Mr. Young details his action to secure settlement of all foreign claims by a court of arbitration. The scheme unsuccessful. Consul at Canton has been instructed to press claims of Amer[n] citizens. wh. have been ordered to be paid there by China. Claim of Russell & Co. stated. Correspondence enc. Refers to his 277.	2/21
	320	" 7	Difficulty between British Min. & the Yamen growing out of the negotiations respecting Canton riot claims. Successful efforts of Mr. Young at reconciliation. Chinese ill disposed towards foreigners. Correspondence enc.	2/21
	321	" 14	Claims growing out of riots at Canton. Conversation with Chang, the new member of the Yamen in wh. he states that Amer[n] claims cannot be paid before those of other nations.	
			Claim of Chas E. Hill vs China on account of loss of steamer "Georjeor". Prince Kung's offer in Mr. Young's 316 the length to which China will go.	
			France & China. Relations between. The war party getting the ascendant.	2/21
	322	" 15	New Years Calls of the Chinese Ministers at the Legn.	2/21
	323	" 15	Complimentary letter of Mr. Young to retiring Chinese Magistrate of Mixed Court at Shanghai & his reply enc.	2/21
	324	" 15	Transit passes. Has instructed Consul at Hankow to make a report upon. Rumored that foreign merchants give use of their names to Chinese & thus enable them to evade their own laws. Refers to Dept's 175.	2/21
	325	" 15	Missionaries. Protection of in China. Letter addressed to Rev. E. A. Hoffman, M.D. enc. stating that missionaries are safe on coast & in event of disturbance those in interior shd leave for ports when they will be protected by foreign war vessels. Refers to Dept's 176.	2/21
	326	" 21	Riot at Canton & attacks on Amer[n] missions in consequence of an alleged proclamation of Imp. Commissioner Pang that foreigners must leave the city on account of trouble with France. Correspondence enc.	2/21
	327	" 23	Coast defences of China. Enc. an alleged memorial from the Yamen to the Throne advocating strengthening of. It shows the temper of the war party.	2/21
	328	" 23	Students (Chinese) in America. No chance of young men being sent to U.S. to be educated at present. Those who were recalled home were not ill treated. Correspondence with Consuls at Foochow & Tientsin enc. Refers to Dept's 118 to Mr. Angell.	2/21
	329	" 25	Horses. Exportation of from Newchwang forbidden. This is regarded as a war measure.	2/21
	330	" 25	Annam. Newspaper account of taking of Bontai by the French enc.	2/21
	331	" 26	Suit against St. J. H. Edwards. Encloses letter from F. A. Vandenberg, asking that Consul at Amoy may entertain his suit against Edwards, as the latter has been decided to be an Amer[n] citizen.	2/21
	332	" 26	Manufacturing in China by foreigners at treaty ports. Present time unfavorable for pressing for concession. Refers to Dept's 174.	2/21

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John Russell Young	333	Jan 26	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. Encloses extract from private letter from Secy Holcombe stating cordiality of his reception at Chinanfu by people + authorities. Refers to his 307	3/31
	334	" 28	181, 182, 184 + 185 rec'd. 183 not rec'd.	3/31
	335	" 29	Flags of the Legations - except the Russian - will displayed daily hereafter. Refers to his 241.	3/31
	336	" 29	Political. Existence of anti-dynastic sentiment in various parts of China. Its summary suppression. Memorials to the Throne enc.	3/31
	337	" 29	Opium revenues in Chihli are being used for warlike preparations. Memorial & throne in regard to enc	3/31
	338	" 29	Famine + suffering in Northern Provinces of China. Memorials to Throne enc.	3/31
	339	" 29	Great Britain - China. Treaty engagement of Gt. Brit to secure to China sovereignty of island of Chusan wh. it is rumored France intends to seize as guarantee of rumored indemnity to be demanded of China. Text of convention relating to subject enc.	3/31
	340	" 29	Telegraphs in China. Cables to be laid between Saigon, Hanoi + Haiphong. Newspaper article enc.	3/31
	341	" 29	Swedish vessel "Hilton". Customs duties imposed on her at Amoy. Hardship of case. Mr. Young asks his good offices. Correspondence enc.	3/31
	342	" 29	Thanks for services rendered U.S.S. "Ashuelot" by C. M. Petersen, Lighthouse keeper at High Lamocks, have been conveyed to him through Chinese authorities. Refers to Dept's 178.	3/31
	343	" 31	Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec 1884. Hopes China will take part, but disordered condition of country against it. Formal answer not yet rec'd. Reports China's action in similar case.	3/31
	344	" 31	Political. Internal politics of China; remarks upon. Memorial to Throne by Governor of province of Shansi, showing the desire for war, enc.	3/31
	345	Feb 2	Missionaries. Outrages upon at Shekhong near Canton, and destruction of their chapels. The missionaries reach Canton in safety. Viceroy quiets disturbance. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc.	3/31
	346	" 7	183-192 + circ. of Dec 1 rec'd. 189 missing.	4/11
	347	" 8	189 rec'd.	4/11
	348	" 8	Claim of Chas E. Hill vs. China on account of loss of steamer "Georgiev". No disposition on part of France to go beyond Prince Kung's offer. Mr. Hill's private telegram to Dept not true view of situation. Difficulty with France will prevent settlement of all claims for present.	4/11
	349	" 9	Missionaries. Protection of in China in case of war with France. Enc. letter to Rev. C. M. Cady in regard to safety of missionaries at Shansi. Mr. Young apprehends no danger at present. China has promised protection.	4/11
	Tel	" 11	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. "Holcombe settlement having satisfactorily settled Chinanfu case"	
	350	" 11	France + China. Impending war between. Proposed blockage of Canton River by China. Mr Young's interview with Tsungli in regard to reported. Obstruction of river abandoned at protest of U. S., Brit. + German representatives. though no assurance given for the future. Text of tels + correspondence enc.	4/11
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 11	Accounts for salary + loss by exchange (duplicates) [Two dispatches.]	
John Russell Young.	351-354	" 11	Accounts for salary, rent, telegrams, + loss by exchange (duplicates)	4/11
	355	" 13	Passport returns for 1883 enc.	4/11
	356	" 13	France + China. Protection of foreigners in event of war between. Correspondence with Adm. Davis, U.S.N. in regard to action by foreign naval vessels enc.	4/11
	357	" 14	France + China. Impending war between. Obstruction of Canton River by China. Enc. correspondence with Adm. Davis, U.S.N. in wh. letter states that the design appears to be abandoned. Refers to his 350.	4/11
	358	" 15	Land Regulations for foreign settlements at Shanghai. Proceedings of diplomatic corps to amend same in regard to licenses &c. Correspondence + proceedings of diplomatic corps enc. Refers to Mr. Holcombe's 82.	4/28
	359	" 18	Account for contingent expenses for 4th quarter of 1883.	4/28
	360	" 19	France + China. Protection of foreigners in case of war between. Enc. letter from Adm. Davis transmitting his instructions to U.S. naval officers in China + report on obstruction of Canton river.	4/28
	361	" 21	Account for telegrams	4/28
	362	" 26	Ward Claims Indemnity. Report on disbursement of has been requested of Consul Seal at Shanghai. Enc. correspondence with J. F. Trowbridge in regard to Ward Estate Claims.	4/28
	363	" 27	Passport returns for 1883 (duplicate)	4/28
	364	" 28	193-199 rec'd.	4/28
	365	" 29	Accounts for telegrams will hereafter be accompanied by vouchers + text. Refers to Dept's 195	4/28
	366	" 29	Rent of Legn. Explanation of manner of drawing drafts on account of. Refers to Dept's 196.	4/28
	367-368	Mar 1	Accounts for contingencies + telegrams (duplicates)	4/28
	369	" 1	Customs Gazette No. 118 transmitted.	4/28
	370	" 1	Wharfage dues at Tientsin. Enc letter to Consul at, requesting information in regard to.	4/28
	Tel	" 3	Immigration (Chinese) to U.S. Chinese authorities stopped issue of certificates last Nov. "Shall I present instruction 188".	
	371	" 4	200-207 + circ of Jan 4. rec'd.	4/28

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1884	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
John Russell Young	Tel	Mar 3	Shanghai. "Consular premises apparently suitable. Special inquiries Shanghai necessary before recommendation next steamer."	
Chester Holcombe, Secy.	—	" 4	Account for expenses on mission to China &c with explanations.	4/28
John Russell Young	Tel	" 5	Amoy. "Recommend delay action Goldsborough application leave."	
	372	" 5	Associates in Consular Courts. Mr. Young holds that by Sec 4106 Rev. Stats. all American citizens in China are required to serve as jurors unless excused. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc.	4/28
	373	" 6	Shanghai Consular Premises &c. They appear suitable to Mr. Young, but Con. Genl. complains that they are unhealthy & that rent is exhorbitant. He has requested report. Enc. letter to Con. Genl. & text of telegrams.	4/28
	374	" 7	Gold medal awarded to C. M. Petersen, keeper of Lighthouse & High Lamaroche, for services to officers & crews of U. S. S. "Ashuelot". Has transmitted same to Foreign Office. Correspondence enc. Refers to Dept's 186	4/28
	375	" 7	Corea & Gt. Britain. Treaty between enclosed.	4/28
	376	" 7	Immigration (Chinese) to U. S. Chinese authorities at Canton have faithfully carried out provisions of treaty in regard to issuing certificates & have issued more since last Nov. Trouble is at Hongkong & Macao. Inexpedient to discuss question with Chinese Foreign Office. Suggests that certificates shd be issued by U. S. Consuls. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc. Refers to Dept's 186.	4/28
	377	" 10	Ward Claims Indemnity. Claim of P. L. L. Cole against. Discrepancy between statement made by Mr. Cole to Dept & that made by him to Mr. Young. Mr. Cole has no interest in either "Ward Claims" or "Ward Estate Claims". Correspondence enc. Refers to Dept's 200.	4/28
	378	" 10	Ward Claims Indemnity. Same have been paid by Con. Genl at Shanghai with exception of "Vernon & Hay" & "Gunther" claims. 735 Tls Taels were returned to China, same having previously been paid through Brit Legn. Enc. Correspondence, statement of account & vouchers.	4/28
	379	" 11	Amoy. Requested delay of action on Consul Goldsborough's application for leave, as a petition to Mr. Young has been filed by H. St. J. Edwards asking judgment agst Mr. Goldsborough for $1364 — Text of telegram.	4/28
	380	" 12	Ward Claims Indemnity. "Vernon & Hay" & "Gunther" portions of not yet paid on account of ignorance as to who are legally entitled to receive same. Efforts to find out the legal representatives & correspondence in regard to enc. Enc. draft for $7545.53 being amt. of "Vernon & Hay" claim. Refers to his 376.	5/5
	381	" 12	Hospital project of Dr. Egan at Foochow. Matter has been satisfactorily settled & hospital allowed to be built. Correspondence with Consul at Foochow enc. Refers to his 211 & 282.	5/5
	382	" 14	Immigration (Chinese) to U. S. Chinese authorities not to blame for false certificates & none genuine have been issued since Nov. last when issue was stopped at instance of Chinese Legn. at Washington. No motive on part of China to encourage emigration, but such interests exist at Hongkong & San Francisco & frauds are practiced at those places. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc. Refers to his 376.	5/5
	383	" 14	Steam launch belonging to missionaries at Chinkiang. Chinese object to steam vessel in interior waters on ground that it is an innovation & may establish a precedent. Note from Min. For. Affs & correspondence with Consul at Chinkiang enc.	5/5
	384	" 15	Claims of Americans growing out of riots at Canton in Sept. 1883. Chinese govt has issued orders to pay same at Canton. Mr. Young thinks it advisable to allow matter to rest at present. Russell & Co. have commercial reasons for not pressing their claim. The only other Amer. claimant is a Mr. Holmill, an employe of the Customs. His claim will probably be settled by Inspector Genl of Customs. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc. Refers to his 319.	5/5
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 17	Account of expenses of mission to China &c. (duplicate.)	5/5
John Russell Young	385	" 18	France & China. Relations between. Capture of Bacninh by French was opposed by China & produced no new resentment. Rupture between France & China improbable unless France demands a war indemnity.	5/5
	386	" 20	Military movements of Chinese. Letter from Vice Consul at Tientsin enc.	5/5
	387	" 21	Missionaries. Outrage upon at Shekhung near Canton & destruction of their chapels. Money indemnity has been paid, but Mr. Young regrets that Viceroy makes no effort to guarantee against further outrage. Ngchow case though ordered to be settled, is still unsettled. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc.	5/5
	388	" 21	Ward Claims Indemnity. Duplicate statement of fund in detail & of receipts taken from claimants whose demands have been satisfied enc. Refers to his 378.	5/5
	389	" 21	Land Regulations for foreign settlements at Shanghai Memorandum of Municipal Regulations & Bylaws prepared by Crown Advocate in China at request of Brit. Minn. enc. Refers to his 358.	5/5
	390	" 21	Missionary trouble at Yenping. Case of Rev. Mr. Sites. Case not yet settled, but reduced to point as to whether missionaries may use a sign on premises designating same as a place of Christian worship. A settlement probable. Correspondence with Prince Kung & Consul at Foochow enc.	5/5
	391	" 22	Tonnage dues regulations. Enc. note of diplomatic body in regard to, reopening question. Mr. Young joined in same to protect our interests &d Amer. shipping in East unive. Refers to 119 & 279.	5/5
	392	" 24	Immigration (Chinese) to U. S. As further proof of good faith of China in carrying out Treaty of 1880 enc. Rules for examining emigrants for Peru & correspondence in regard to same. Refers to Mr. Holcombe's 97.	90. 5/5
	393	" 25	Ward Claims Indemnity. Enc. 2ds of exchange for $7545.53 being "Vernon & Hay" portion of.	5/5

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John Russell Young	394	Mar 25	France + China. Blockade of Canton River. The policy seems to be abandoned owing to representations of the legn. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc. Refers to his 357.	5/5
	395	" 26	France + China. Blockade of Canton River for defense in case of war between. Encl. correspondence with Adm. Davis, stating the preparations made will not obstruct navigation. Refers to his 394.	5/5
	396	" 27	Ward Claims Indemnity. Claim of P.K.L. Cole against. Enc. letter from Consul at Shanghai stating that there is no evidence of the claim at. Refers to Dept's 200 + his 377.	5/9
	397	" 27	Shanghai. Consular premises at. Enc. opinions of eleven Amer[n] residents as to desirability of. Majority think present premises suitable if the affairs + rent moderate. Mr. Young suggests change of residence of Con. Genl, as being undesirable. Refers to his 373.	5/9
	398	" 28	Petroleum Trade (Amer[n]) in China. Reports its increase, causes of its opposition + suggests means to further its development. Correspondence with Consuls in China + report of a enc. Refers to his 297.	5/9
	399	" 28	208-219 + circ. of Jan 28 recd.	5/9
	400	" 29	Financial information for Treasury. Enc. Mr. Edwards "Memorandum on the Currency of China". Re additional information obtainable	5/9
	401	" 29	Visits of U.S. war vessels to Chinese non-treaty ports. Enc. correspondence with Consul at Foochow + Adm. Davis, U.S.A. Chinese officials accept previous notice of visit. Informs Adm. Davis of advantageousness of friendly visits + suggests notification of when convenient.	5/9
	402	" 29	Consulates. Inspection of. Will commence upon tour of, accompanied by Dr. B.C. Atterbury as interpreter. Will personally investigate emigration question at Canton + Hong Kong.	5/9
	403	" 29	Ward Claims Indemnity. Claim of P.K.L. Cole against. No evidence in support of at legn. or at Shanghai. Refers to Dept's 211 + 219.	5/9
	404	" 31	Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec 1884. China desires that weavers (laborers) connected with her exhibit may enter U.S. No probability of Chinese representation otherwise. Mr. Young desires this announced by telegram	5/9
	405	" 31	Japan + China. Relations between. Japanese Min. Adm. Enomotto will return to Peking. "Order of the Dragon" conferred upon him at Mr. Young's suggestion. Note from Adm. Enomotto thanking Mr. Young enc. Refers to Dept's 213.	5/9
	406	" 31	Account for salary.	5/9
	407	" 31	Political. Public sentiment in China divided. No general warlike sentiment among people or hatred of foreigners. Military preparations active. Enc. correspondence with Consuls in china giving sentiment in their jurisdiction. Refers to his 308.	5/9
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn. John Russell Young	—	" 31	Account for salary.	5/9
	408	" 31	Meridian + Time Standard Congress to be held at Washington Oct 1, 1884. Acceptance of invitation by China doubtful. Mr. Young will endeavor to have Chinese Min. at Washington instructed to name some Amer[n] as delegate.	5/9
	409	" 31	Death of Prince Leopold. Mr. Young kept flag of Legn at half mast for three days. Correspondence with Brit. Min. enc	5/9
	410	" 31	Account for rent enc.	6/12
	411	" 31	Account for contingencies.	5/9
	412	" 31	Leave of absence of Secy Holcombe. Telegram granting same rec'd.	5/22
	413	Apr 1	Missionary trouble at Chinanfu. Mr. Holcombe has satisfactorily settled same. Commends his action. Enc. Mr. Holcombe's report. Missionaries have rec'd land in exchange for that given up + 3000 taels indemnity for difference in value. Land for a cemetery also secured. Refers to his 285 + Dept's 202.	6/12
	414	" 1	Account for telegrams.	5/9
	Tel	" 2	Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec. 1884. China accepts invitation to participate	
	415	" 2	Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec. 1884. China accepts invitation Correspondence with Min. To Affs enc	5/9
	416	" 7	220-225 recd.	6/12
	417	" 7	Land for missionary uses. Persecution of Chinese for selling land for. Correspondence with Consul at Hankow detailing a case enc. Mr. Young instructs the Consul to protest agst such treatment.	6/12
	418	" 7	Land purchased by foreigners. Correspondence with Consul at Hankow enc. in regard to when a foreigner can demand consular intervention. Mr. Young states land shd actually have passed.	6/12
	419	" 7	Ward Claims Indemnity. Claim of P.K.L. Cole agst. Nos 377, 396 + 403 have given all information obtainable. Refers to Dept's 226	6/12
	420	" 7	Citizenship status of W.J.H. Edwards. Dept's 222 has been sent to Consul Goldsborough at Amoy. Complains of the tone of the Consul's dispatches on the subject + enc. a despatch.	6/12
	421	" 7	Consulates. Inspection of. Arrived at Tientsin April 4. He will go to Canton in U.S.S. "Enterprise" + investigate emigration question. Will visit seaboard ports + return to Peking within six weeks. Refers to Dept's 221.	6/12
	422	" 11	Accounts. Enc. correspondence with Controller in regard to rendering same. Refers to Dept's 223.	6/12
	423-426	" 15	Accounts for salary, rent, contingencies, + telegrams (duplicates) enc.	6/12
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn. John Russell Young	—	" 15	Account for salary (duplicate)	6/12
	427	" 16	Political. Condition of affairs in Southern China. Advance of French + little resistance offered. The rebellion against Chinese authorities spreading. Letter from Consul at Canton enc. Refers to his 417	6/23
	428	" 16	Emigration (Chinese) to U.S. Enc. letter from Consul at Canton, stating that no certificates have been issued there since Nov. 10, 1883, + pointing out misunderstanding that might arise from the different spelling in English of Chinese names. Refers to Dept's 188 + his 392. Consul will visit Hongkong + report condition there.	6/23

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John Russell Young.	429	Apl 19	Claims of Americans growing out of riots at Canton in Sept. 1883, claim of Russell & Co. for $10,600 for destruction of their wharf the only one presented to Legn. Enc. letter from Consul at Canton stating Russell & Co. have presented a revised claim of 2300 less than original claim. Claim has been presented & settlement soon expected. Refers to his 384.	6/23
	430	" 19	Emigration (Chinese) to U.S. Enc. tel. from Consul at Canton stating passenger business regular & limited to returning Chinese to Cal. & San Francisco certificates & emigrants to Brit. & Mex. ports.	6/23
	431	" 21	Claim of A. A. Fisher vs China growing out of riot at Shanghai in 1874. Enc. correspondence with Consul at Shanghai showing claim is being investigated by Chinese authorities.	6/23
	Tel	" 25	Claims of Amer[n] citizens vs China growing out of riots at Canton in Sept. 1883. "Amer[n] claim Canton not paid."	
	432	May 5	Visit of Mr. Young to Canton. Enc. correspondence bet. Consul at & Viceroy, in wh. latter states he will be glad to see him.	7/1
	433	" 8	Legation premises. Statement of repairs & account for, during 1882 & 1883, enc. Refers to Mr. Holcombe's 63	7/17
	434	" 9	Citizenship statutes of Lt. J. H. Edwards. Enc. correspondence with Brit Min. in regard to charges brought agst Edwards to Chinese authorities by Brit. Consul at Amoy. Brit. Consul states that he made the representation to Chinese authorities to inform them that Edwards was not a Brit. subject as held by U.S. Consul. Mr. Young states Edwards is a U.S. citizen & must be tried by U.S. Consular Court.	7/1
	435	" 12	Amoy. Consular premises at. Enc. letter from Lt. J. H. Edwards stating that Consul at has vacated his premises without due notice, through personal malice thinks he is entitled to six months notice.	7/1
	Tel	" 14	Absence from post. "All dispatches rec'd attended to. Hope to return to Peking June 10."	
	436	" 22	Customs Gazette of China No. LXI enc.	7/17
	437	" 24	Customs Trade Reports of China for 1883 enc.	7/17
	438	" 26	Shanghai. Consular premises at. Will try to obtain cheaper premises when he reaches there on his tour of inspection, but anticipates nothing more satisfactory than reported in his 397. Refers to Dept's 227.	7/17
	439	" 26	Opium traffic. No further suggestion to make in reference to bill in Cong. in regard to. Refers to Dept's 236	7/17
	440	" 26	Charges preferred against Mr. Holcombe by late Consul Geil Deasy. Satisfaction at decision of Dept. Requests copy of his confidential letter of Dec. 26/83 in order to restore it to his files. Refers to Dept's 234. (sent to 226)	7/17
	Tel	" 27	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for loss of his steamer "Kowjeow". "Yamen renews offer to pay principal Hill claim, declining your proposition."	
	Tel	" 30	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs. China for loss of his steamer "Kowjeow". "Have telegraphed Peking making proposal as directed".	
	441	June 2	226-256 rec'd. Text of telegram.	7/17
	442	" 2	France & China. Relations bet. No trustworthy news in regard to at present. Refers to Dept's 229	7/17
	443	" 2	France & China. Naval cooperation of neutral powers to protect their interests in China. Dept's 235 has been sent to Adm. Davis.	7/17
	444	" 2	240 rec'd.	
	445	" 3	Claim of Charles E. Hill vs China for loss of steamer "Kowjeow". Has telegraphed Mr. Holcombe at Peking to carry out Dept's instruction 238 in regard to. Text of tel enc.	7/17
	446	" 3	Missionary trouble at Sheklung, near Canton. Has had a conversation with Viceroy at Canton in regard to. Will report in further dispatch. Refers to Dept's 248.	7/17
	447	" 3	Wharfage dues at Tientsin. Will endeavor to arrange same with Brit. Min. on return to that. Acknp. Dept's 232.	7/17
	448	" 3	Ginseng. Information in regard to has been requested of Consuls in China. Acknp. 241.	7/17
	449	" 3	Leave of absence to visit Japan. Will not avail himself of at present. Refers to Dept's 226.	7/17
	450	" 4	Visit of Mr. Young to Foochow. Correspondence with Consul at in regard to.	7/17
	451	" 4	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China. Explains delay in answering Dept's tel. in regard to	7/17
	452	" 4	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China. China renews offer to pay principal only, rejecting Dept's proposition. Will reopen question with Viceroy on his visit to Tientsin. Refers to his tel. of May 28.	7/17
	453	" 4	Ward Claims' Indemnity. Claim of P. K. L. Cole against. Unable to find any evidence supporting same. Has requested investigation of records by Consul at Shanghai. Refers to Dept's 242 & his 419.	7/17
	454	" 6	257-267 rec'd.	8/4
	455	" 7	266 rec'd.	8/4
	456	" 7	Citizenship statutes of Lt. J. H. Edwards. Holds that his Amer[n] citizenship is established. Enc. his letter to Consul at Amoy backing this ground. Refers to Dept's 263.	8/4
	457	" 10	Consular Agents at Kiungchow & Pakhoi. Has requested Brit Min. to allow Brit. consular officers to act as U.S. Agts at. Correspondence with Consul at Shanghai & Brit Min. enc.	8/4
	458	" 11	Tientsin. Resignation of Mr. Pilcher Vice Consul in charge at, & request of Brit Min. to allow Brit. Consul to temporarily take charge of report. Commends Mr. Pilchers fidelity. Correspondence enc.	8/4
	Tel	" 15	Legation "Suggest transfer Smithers, Tientsin, Cheshire, Peking, temporarily Secretary interpreter."	

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John Russell Young.	459	June 16	Emigration (Chinese) to U.S. Enc. despatch from Consul at Canton stating that Chinese passengers transportation from that place regulated, & that certificates appear to be genuine. Refers to his 430.	8/14
	460	" 17	Land rent paid by Chinese in foreign settlement at Shanghai. Enc. petition asking that the rent be reduced, & reply of Mr. Young declining to take action.	8/14
	461	" 17	Tonnage dues regulations. Modifications in, - Claim against to be opened, notice of. Reply to joint despatch rel. to. - 7/25.	
	462	" 18	Transit pass system. Abuse of by foreign merchants in obtaining for Chinese passes for their goods to interior. The system in need of revision. Correspondence with Consul at Hankow enc.	8/14
	463	" 18	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs China for loss of his steamer "Keorjeor". Enc. correspondence with Foreign Office in regard to China's declining to pay principal & 5% int. Text of telegrams.	8/14
	464	" 18	Political. Dismissal of Prince Kung & other officials & new appointments reported. Imperial decree enc.	8/14
	465	" 23	268-275 recd.	8/14
	466	" 23	269 ackd.	8/14
	467	" 23	Claim of A.A. Risley vs China, States that it has been exclusively dealt with at Shanghai. Sf. Consul cannot secure a settlement he urges take steps in the matter. Reply to 272 rel. to.	7/25.
	468	" 24	Ward Claims indemnity. Claim of Peter L. Cole agt. Inquiries in regard to an ass making at Shanghai	Refers to his 432 & 433 7/25
	tel	" 25	Shanghai Consulate Consul. Recommends Stahel, immediately going Shanghai. -	
	tel	" 29	Claim of Chas E. Hill vs China, for loss of his steamer "Keorjeor," - "Yamen declines payment principal Hill claim, except for receipt in full. Recommends further presentation."	7/25.
	469	July 5	Nos. 276-283, recd.	7/25.
	470	" 7	Steam Launch. Use of, by Missionaries on interior waters. Gives some of the objections raised by Chinese authorities to, re. Reply to 250.	7/25.
	471	" 7	Foreign Office. Changes in, - Encl Notes giving particulars of, with comments on newly appointed members of, -	7/25.
	472	" 7	Consular Courts. Associates in, - Encl Circ. to Consuls giving Depts views respecting.	7/25.
	473	" 8	Visit of Mr Young to Ningpo. Encl correspondence bet. Con. Stevens & the Taotai rel. to.	7/25.
	474	" 8	Consular Appointment desired by Mr Gideon Nye. Encl Mr Nye's application, & commends him to the consideration of the Dept.	7/25.
	475	" 9	Canton. Condition of affairs at, - Withdrawal of Chinese troops from foreign quarter, during summer months, for sanitary reasons. Encl correspondence with Con. Seymour, respecting. -	7/25.
	476	" 12	Immigration (Chinese) to the U.S. No 188. from Dept rel. to, communicated to Foreign Office	9/10.
	477	" 12	Accounts. - Salary -	9/10.
	478	" 12	Accounts - Rent -	9/10.
Chester Holcombe. Secy of Legn		" 12	Accounts - Salary. -	9/10.
John Russell Young	479	" 15	Account for contingencies.	9/22
	480	" 18	Nos. 284-298, recd.	9/10.
	Tel	" 20	France & China. Impending war between. French ultimatum demands 50 million dollars indemnity. if not agreed to in 7 days France will seize Chinese territory. China refuses & war is inevitable. Mr. Young has requested Admiral to concentrate vessels in Chinese waters. China has requested good offices of U.S. according to Art. I of Tientsin Treaty. Hopes some action possible.	
	481	" 21	Immigration (Chinese) to U.S. China not responsible for violation of treaty. Fraudulent certificates are issued at Hongkong & Macao & negotiations should be had with Brit. & Portuguese govts.	9/22
	Tel	" 29	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U.S. China consents to transfer of the 27 vessels of Chinese Navigation Co. to Amer. flag under Russell & Co. Mr. Young has stipulated that sale shall be bona fide & made before declaration of war.	
	Tel	" 30	France & China. Impending war between. China asserts she has not violated treaty with France. Solicits good offices of U.S. to induce France to accept arbitration of Powers as to facts.	
	482	" 31	Passports. Right of Consuls to refuse application for. Mr Young holds that Consuls should report refusal to Legn. Correspondence with Consul at Chefoo enc.	9/22
	483	" 31	Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec. 1884. China will be well represented. Correspondence in regard to enc.	9/22
	Tel	Aug. 1	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U.S. "China" merchants fleet sold & transferred to Amer. flag yesterday"	
	484	" 1	Marriage certificate of Isaac Pierson & Flora J. Hale (who were married at Legn) transmitted.	9/22
	485-486	" 1	Account for salary & rent (duplicate).	9/22
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn		" 1	Account for salary (duplicate)	9/22
John Russell Young	487	" 2	Assaults upon foreigners committed by Chinese soldiers during visit of Tso Tsung Tang to foreign settlement at Shanghai. Answer to complaint to foreign office not entirely satisfactory, but it concedes that soldiers must be kept in discipline. Correspondence enc.	9/22

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John Russell Young.	488	Aug 2	Death of Prince of Parma. Correspondence with Netherlands Min at Peking in regard to enc.	9/22
	489	" 2	Mixed Court at Shanghai. Enc. petition of the foreign ratepayers &c. to Dip. corps, asking that the rank of Chinese official who presides over be raised to give court more dignity. This not thought advisable.	9/22
	490	" 4	Account for contingencies (duplicate)	9/22
	Tel	" 5	France & China. Impending war between. Min. For. Affs. anxious about Amer[n] arbitration, wh. he thinks is the only hope of averting war.	
	491	" 6	294-304, excepting 299; rec'd	9/22
	492	" 6	Lekin tax. Its imposition on foreign bread stuffs imported at Ningpo. The question will be brought before the dip. corps for joint action. Correspondence with Consul at Ningpo enc.	9/22
	493	" 8	Account for telegrams.	10/8
	494	" 8	France & China. Treaty bet. in regard to Tonquin enc. Comparison bet. French & Chinese texts	9/22
	495	" 12	Claims of Americans growing out of riot at Canton in Sept. 1883. Claim of Russell & Co. for value of wharf destroyed has been paid. The firm still claims $387[50] for loss of half year's rent of wharf. Mr. Young thinks this ought not to be pressed as it is in the nature of exemplary damages, wh. cannot justly be demanded. Correspondence enc. Refers to his 429.	10/8
	496	" 13	Legation Changes. Mr Cheshire will temporarily fill Mr. Holcombe's place as interpreter. Treaties in. Important interests demanded Mr. Smithers transfer to from Chinkiang.	10/8
	Tel	" 13	France & China. Impending war between. Min. For. Affs. anxious for Mr. Young to go to Shanghai & make best possible settlement with France. China will pay any indemnity.	
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 18	Leave of absence. Will depart for U.S. on first steamer. Mr. F.D. Cheshire will act in his place.	10/8
John Russell Young.	Tel	" 20	France & China. Threatened war between. China grateful to U.S. for offer of mediation. China claims she has done no wrong & will pay no indemnity & orders negotiations to be broken off. General impression that war is inevitable, but depends upon action of France.	
	496A	" 21	France & China. Threatened war between. Details the course of events from non-observance by China of the treaty with France. Gives the present attitude of China and recounts the efforts of the U.S. to secure peace. Full correspondence inc.	10/20
	Tel	" 22	France & China. Impending war between. "French Legation withdraws flag. Russia protects French. Prince refuses indemnity. Empress and Priest grateful thanks for good offices."	
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 25	Account for salary & loss by exchange. [Two dispatches.]	9/8
John Russell Young.	Tel	" 26	France & China. Threatened war between. "French bombarding Foo Chow."	
	Tel	" 30	Conculates. Report on — "War matters absorbing; report soon as possible. Stabel asks transfer Seidmore. Recommend it. unusual press of business."	
	497	" 30	305-313 rec'd.	10/20
	Tel	Sept. 1	Interpreter at Legation "Suggest Cheshire permanent interpreter Legation."	
	498	" 3	Account for telegrams (duplicate) Refers to his 493.	10/20
	499	" 3	Account for telegrams from Aug 4-29/84.	10/20
	500	" 3	Ginseng trade in China. Reports from various consuls upon enc. Refers to Dept's 241.	10/20
	501	" 4	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U.S. States how the transfer was made to Russell & Co. of the 31 steamers of the Chinese Merchant Steam Navigation Co. Monopoly of tribute rice. Brit Min. states that if same shd be given to Russell & Co, it would ruin Brit shipping in China. Correspondence enc.	10/20
	502	" 5	Consulates. Report on. Unable to prepare same from press of work & inadequate force at Legn.	10/20
	503	" 6	Rags. Prohibition upon importation of into U.S. Has given out information in regard to.	10/20
	504	" 6	Japan & China. Relations between are friendly-Japan will observe a strict neutrality. Conversation with Japanese Min. given. Enc. correspondence with German representative suggesting a meeting of the corps to decide whether war between France & China exists. German Minister not in favor of the meeting.	10/20
	505	" 7	France & China. Threatened war between. Enc. imperial decree declaring war. Min. For. Affs. refuses to state if it is authentic. The dip. corps are acting as if war had not been declared. Embarrassing situation in consequence.	10/20
	506	" 10	Interpreter. Mr. F.D. Cheshire — assumed duties of July 30. His oath of allegiance enc	10/20
	507	" 11	2d Secretary of Legn. Arrival at Port of W.W. Rockhill on 9 inst reported.	10/20
	Tel 508	" 12	Military officers (foreign) in Chinese service "Sufficient German, Holdbrun, Prussia remain non-combatant."	
	Tel	" 11	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc. Refers to his 499.	10/20
	Tel	" 13	Shanghai "Stabel telegrams help absolutely necessary, urging transfer Seidmore"	
	509	" 15	314 & 315 & circ of July 23 rec'd.	11/3
	Tel	" 16	France & China. Threatened war between. Long interview with Prince reported. China inflexible. Refuses indemnity. Gave Dept's dispatch. Hopes peaceable councils will prevail.	
	510	" 16	Ginseng. Report of V.C. at Newchwang & Co. at Ningpo in regard to enc. Refers to his 500.	11/3

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	478	" 12	Accounts - Rent -	7/10.
Chester Holcombe Secy of Legn	—	" 12	Accounts - Salary. -	7/10.
John Russell Young	479	" 15	Account for contingencies.	8/22
	480	" 15	Nos. 284-298, recd	7/10.
	Tel	" 20	France & China. Impending war between. French ultimatum demands 80 million dollars indemnity. if not agreed to in 7 days France will seize Chinese territory. China refuses & war is inevitable. Mr. Young has requested Admiral to concentrate vessels in Chinese waters. China has requested good offices of U.S. according to Art. I of Tientsin Treaty. Hopes some action possible.	
	481	" 21	Immigration (Chinese) to U.S. China not responsible for violation of treaty. Fraudulent certificates are issued at Hongkong & Macao & negotiations should be had with Brit. & Portuguese govts.	8/22
	Tel	" 29	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U.S. China consents to transfer of the 27 vessels of Chinese Navigation Co. to Amer. flag under Russell & Co. Mr. Young has stipulated that sale shall be bona fide & made before declaration of war.	
	Tel	" 30	France & China. Impending war between. China asserts she has not violated treaty with France. Solicits good offices of U.S. to induce France to accept arbitration of Powers as to facts.	
	482	" 31	Passports. Right of Consuls to refuse application for. Mr Young holds that Consuls should refuse to Legn. Correspondence with Consul at Chefoo enc.	8/22
	483	" 31	Cotton Exhibition to be held at New Orleans in Dec. 1884. China will be well represented. Correspondence in regard to enc.	8/22
	Tel	Aug. 1	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U.S. "China merchants fleet sold & transferred to Amer. flag yesterday"	
	484	" 1	Marriage certificate of Isaac Pierson & Flora J. Hale (who were married at Legn) transmitted.	8/22
	485-486	" 1	Account for salary & rent (duplicates)	8/22
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn	—	" 1	Account for salary (duplicate)	8/22
John Russell Young	487	" 2	Assaults upon foreigners committed by Chinese soldiers during visit of Tso Tsung Tang to foreign settlement at Shanghai. Answer to complaint to foreign office not entirely satisfactory, but it concedes that soldiers must be kept in discipline. Correspondence enc.	8/22

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John Russell Young.	488	Aug 2	Death of Prince of Parge. Correspondence with Netherlands Min at Peking in regard to enc.	9/22
	489	" 2	Mixed Court at Shanghai. Enc. petition of the foreign ratepayers at. to Dip. Corps, asking that the rank of Chinese official who presides over be raised to give court more dignity. This not thought advisable.	9/22
	490	" 4	Account for contingencies (duplicate)	9/22
	Tel	" 5	France + China. Impending war between. Min. For. Affs. anxious about Amer[n] arbitration, wh. he thinks is the only hope of averting war.	
	491	" 6	294-304, excepting 299; recd	9/22
	492	" 6	Lekin tax. Its imposition on foreign bread stuffs imported at Ningpo. The question will be brought before the dip. corps for joint action. Correspondence with Consul at Ningpo enc.	9/22
	493	" 8	Account for telegrams.	10/8
	494	" 8	France + China. Treaty bet. in regard to Tonquin enc. Comparison bet. French + Chinese texts.	9/22
	495	" 12	Claims of Americans growing out of riot at Canton in Sept. 1883. Claim of Russell + Co. for value of wharf destroyed has been paid. The firm still claims $387[50] for loss of half year's rent of wharf. Mr. Young thinks this ought not to be pressed as it is in the nature of exemplary damages, wh. cannot justly be demanded. Correspondence enc. Refers to his 429.	10/8
	496	" 13	Legation Changes. Mr Cheshire will temporarily fill Mr. Holcombe's place as interpreter. Treaties. Important interests demanded Mr. Smithers transfer to from Chinkiang.	10/8
	Tel	" 13	France + China. Impending war between. Min. For. Affs. anxious for Mr. Young to go to Shanghai + make best possible settlement with France. China will pay any indemnity.	
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 18	Leave of absence. Will depart for U.S. on first steamer. Mr. F.D. Cheshire will act in his place.	10/8
John Russell Young.	Tel	" 20	France + China. Threatened war between. China grateful to U.S. for offer of mediation. China claims she has done no wrong + will pay no indemnity + orders negotiations to be broken off. General impression that war is inevitable, but depends upon action of France.	
	496 A[nn]	" 21	France + China. Threatened war between. Details the course of events from non-observance by China of the treaty with France. Gives the present attitude of China and recounts the efforts of the U.S. to secure peace. Full correspondence inc.	10/20
	Tel	" 22	France + China. Impending war between. "French Legation withdraws flag. Russia protects French. Prince refuses indemnity. Empress ends Prince grateful thanks for good offices."	
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 25	Account for salary + loss by exchange. [Two dispatches.]	9/8
John Russell Young.	Tel	" 26	France + China. Threatened war between. "French bombarding Foo Chow."	
	Tel	" 30	Consulate. Report on — "War matters absorbing; report soon as possible. Stahel asks transfer Seidmore. Recommend it. unusual press of business."	
	497	" 30	305-313 recd.	10/20
	Tel	Sept. 1	Interpreter at Legation "Suggest Cheshire permanent interpreter Legation."	
	498	" 3	Account for telegrams (duplicate) Refers to his 493.	10/20
	499	" 3	Account for telegrams from Aug 4-29/84.	10/20
	500	" 3	Ginseng trade in China. Reports from various consuls upon enc. Refers to Dept's 241.	10/20
	501	" 4	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U.S. States how the transfer was made to Russell + Co. of the 31 steamers of the Chinese Merchant Steam Navigation Co. Normally of tribute rice. But Min. states that if same shd be given to Russell + Co, it would ruin Brit shipping in China. Correspondence enc.	10/20
	502	" 5	Consulate. Report on. Unable to prepare same from press of work + inadequate force at Legn.	10/20
	503	" 6	Rags. Prohibition upon importation of into U.S. Has given out information in regard to.	9/20
	504	" 6	Japan + China. Relations between are friendly-Japan will observe a strict neutrality. Conversation with Japanese Min. given. Enc. correspondence with German representative suggesting a meeting of the corps to decide whether war between France + China exists. German Minister not in favor of the meeting.	10/20
	505	" 7	France + China. Threatened war between. Enc. imperial decree declaring war. Min. For. Affs. refuses to state if it is authentic. The dip. corps are acting as if war had not been declared. Embarrassing situation in consequence.	10/20
	506	" 10	Interpreter. Mr. F.D. Cheshire — assumed duties of July 30. His oath of allegiance enc.	10/20
	507	" 11	2d Secretary of Legn. Arrival at port of W.W. Rockhill on 9 inst reported.	10/20
	Tel	" 12	Military officers (foreign) in Chinese service "Sufficient German and American vessels remain non-combatant."	
	508	" 11	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc. Refers to his 499.	9/20
	Tel	" 13	Shanghai "Stahel telegraphs help absolutely necessary, urging transfer Seidmore."	
	509	" 15	314 + 315 circ of July 23 recd.	11/3
	Tel	" 16	France + China. Threatened war between. Long interview with Prince reported. China inflexible. Refuses indemnity. Gave Dept's dispatch. Hopes peaceable councils will prevail.	
	510	" 16	Ginseng. Report of V.C. at Newchwang + Co. at Ningpo in regard to enc. Refers to his 500.	11/3

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John Russell Young.	511	Sept. 16	France & China. Threatened war between. Rights & duties of neutrals in present difficulties. Natl. war is declared thinks no obligations of neutrality exist. Correspondence enc.	11/3
	512	" 17	Claim of Chas. E. Hill vs. China for loss of his steamer "Kenjer". China refuses to pay more than principal & demands receipt in full. Hill's claim may perhaps be included in a general settlement with Western nations growing out of France-Chinese difficulty. Present prospect of successful termination slight. Memorandum & correspondence enc.	11/3
	513	" 19	France & China. Protection of American interests during difficulties between. Enc correspondence with Adm. Davis & Consuls as to means to be employed. Thinks the Amer[n] fleet has been of great service in preventing trouble.	11/3
	514	" 22	316-321 & circ. Ag[t] Sg. recd.	11/3
	Tel	" 23	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. "China asks 3000 sq. ft. New Orleans Exhibition".	
	515	" 23	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Enc. letter from Inspector Genl of Customs to Director Genl of Exhibition requesting space for China at. Enc. correspondence & text of telegram.	11/3
	Tel	" 23	France & China. Threatened war between. China declines to give indemnity, territorial concession or commercial equivalent. Insists that there was no treaty violation except on part of France.	
	516	" 23	Text of telegram.	11/3
	Tel	" 28	France & China. Threatened war between. China inflexibly opposed to indemnity, territorial concession or commercial advantages to France. Prefers prolonged war. Would reaffirm Tientsin Treaty as basis of peace. Renews desire for mediation of Pres. showed France profac it.	
	517	Oct. 4	Account for telegrams.	12/1
	518	" 11	Interpreter. Enc. account of Mr. Cheshire for transit time as from Cn. Genl at Shanghai to Legn.	12/1
	519	" 11	Interpreter's account for salary enc. being account of F. D. Cheshire as.	12/1
W. W. Rockhill, 2d Secy of Legn. John Russell Young.	—	" 13	Account for salary.	12/1
	520	" 14	322-325 recd.	12/1
	521	" 14	Account for salary.	12/1
	522	" 15	Text of telegrams.	12/1
	523	" 16	Emigration (Chinese) to U. S. Chinese merchants who were prohibited from landing at San Francisco for non compliance with laws of July 5, 1884 but afterwards were allowed to enter U. S. Dept. 316 in regard to has been made part of archives, but not submitted to Congress as he thinks it best not to discuss the question of Am. China case at this.	12/1
	524	" 17	France & China. Threatened war between. Before the fall of Keelung the Prince left the whole settlement in Mr. Young's hands, offering to pay whatever the Legn. recommended. After Keelung was taken the offer was withdrawn; the question has since reopened. Report to Dept. 328.	12/1
	525	" 17	Opium question in China. Consul at Foochow desires to know if Amer. citizens are prohibited from transporting opium in view of transfer of China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. to U. S. flag. It is prohibited by treaty of 1880 but there is no statute to enforce the treaty. Legn will point out to Americans who disregard the treaty the impropriety of their action. Correspondence with Consul at Foochow enc.	12/1
	526	" 17	Present of a gun to Viceroy Li Hung Chang by Genl Grant in acknowledgment of courtesies to him when in China. Enc. acknowledgment of Viceroy.	12/1
	527	" 18	Account for telegrams (duplicate)	12/1
	528	" 18	Account for salary (duplicate)	12/1
	529	" 20	Interpreter's salary account. Account of F. D. Cheshire as — (duplicate) enc	12/1
	530	" 20	Interpreter's account for time occupied in making transfer from Consulate Genl at Shanghai to Legn. F. D. Cheshire's account enc.	12/1
	531	" 20	Stationery requested for Legn. Enc. list & samples of articles desired.	12/1
	532	" 21	Flags & passport blanks requested for Legn.	12/1
	533	" 22	Fishery rights acquired by Rev. Dr. Ashmore at Swatow which had been usurped by the Chinese. At Mr. Young's request the Consuls for Grt. Brit & Netherlands decided the case awarding Dr. Ashmore $4600. This considered a just settlement. History of the case & full correspondence enc.	12/1
	534	" 22	326-335 recd.	12/1
	535	" 23	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Enc. list of Chinese lay figures shipped for same	12/1
	536	" 23	Gold medal awarded C. M. Peterson for life saving from U. S. S. Ashuelot has been delivered. Receipt for same enc.	12/1

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John Russell Young.	537	Oct. 24	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Enc note from Yamen naming persons to be connected with Chinese display at. Refers to his 483.	12/1
	538	" 29	Interpreter. T.D. Cheshire's commission as has been rec'd. Mr. Cheshire has been acting as interpreter under Dept's instructions since June 18/84. Hopes his account for compensation during this time will be allowed. Refers 336.	12/10
	539	" 29	337, 338 rec'd.	12/11
W. W. Rockhill, 2d Secy of Lega.	—	" 31	Account for salary (duplicate)	12/11
John Russell Young.	540-541	Nov. 3	Account for contingencies & telegrams for Oct.	12/27
	542	" 3	Books (Chinese) in Lega Library. Suggests sending same to Library of Am. Oriental Society of New Haven. List of books enc.	12/27
	543	" 6	Account for rent.	12/27
	544-545	" 7	Account for contingencies & for telegrams for Oct. (duplicates)	12/27
	546	" 7	Account for rent (duplicate)	12/27
	547	" 10	Text of telegrams.	12/27
	548	" 10	Error in numbering his despatch of Nov. 6. Requests correction of.	12/27
	Tel	" 10	France & China. Threatened war between. Not hopeful of acceptance by China of proposed basis of settlement. Is sum proposed 5 or 10 millions? Cipher obscure.	
	549	" 11	Officer (U.S. Marine) in Chinese service. Viceroy requests that Lt. D.P. Mannix, U.S.M.C., may be permitted to remain as instructor at the Torpedo school at Tientsin during hostilities bet. France & China. Lt. Mannix will not engage in any belligerent act. Mr. Young hopes that his leave of absence may be extended until Jan'y/85. Correspondence enc.	12/27
	550	" 12	Corean debt of 210,000 tels to China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. Enc. power of atty of Wm. H. Forbes & others transferring same to Russell & Co.	12/27
	551	" 13	Text of telegram.	12/27
	552	" 15	Fines imposed upon masters of vessels for errors in manifests. Right of Chinese authorities rel. to. Mr. Young holds that the Consul shd establish the fact of innocent intent where such errors are found. Correspondence with Con. at Chefoo & remarks of Chinese Inspector Gen'l of Customs rel. to enc.	1/9
	553	" 15	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Chinese exhibits to have been forwarded to San Francisco & the Collector has been asked to facilitate free entry of packages.	1/9
	Tel	" 16	France & China. Threatened war between. Attempt at mediation by U.S. China will probably accept arrangement on basis of first & fourth propositions, declines second & third. Prince declines to compromise. Rumored Brit. overtures for mediation.	
	554	" 17	Text of telegram.	1/9
	555	" 19	339-343 & circ. of July 1884 rec'd.	1/9
	556	" 19	Protection of foreigners at Newchwang & Tientsin during the coming winter. U.S.S. "Palos" has been sent to Newchwang & will remain there. Correspondence with Consuls at Tientsin at Newchwang, the foreign residents & Newchwang & Adm. Davis enc.	1/9
	557	" 20	Ningpo. German interests will be cared for by U.S. Consulate at request of German Minister. Correspondence with German Min. & Con. Gen'l at, enc.	1/9
	558	" 20	Junks under the Amer. flag. Brit Consul at Hankow objects to the custom on the ground that the lorchas are not bona fide owned or chartered by Americans. Mr. Young holds that the vessels carry the Amer. flag in good faith, that they are owned & chartered by Americans - are entitled to protection as such. Five nationalities are engaged in the lorcha trade. Correspondence with Consul at Hankow enc.	1/9
	559	" 25	344-349 & circ. of Sept. 30 rec'd.	1/9
	560	" 25	Passports signed in blank which have been issued to Consuls have been ordered to be retd to Lega & all future applications to be referred to Lega. In issuing the signed blanks Mr. Young was following Dept's instruction of Sept 11, 1876 - wh. he quotes - The new order will cause great inconvenience. Mr. Young holds that the former custom complied with the laws. Explains mode of issuing & registering passports adopted by Lega. Enc. Mr. Seward's instruction of Sept. 25/77 & his letter to Con. Gen'l at Shanghai.	1/9
	561	" 28	Consular service of U.S. in China. Report upon with recommendations. Correspondence enc.	1/14
	562	" 28	War ships in Chinese ports. Regulations rel. to. Further information enc. Refers to circ. of Aug 9.	1/14
	563	" 29	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. China will not take part in postal exhibit at.	1/14
	564	" 29	Ward Claims Indemnity. Claim of Mrs M.J. Cunnicky. There is no ground for same. Correspondence with her enc. & detailed statement of amounts due to the different claimants. Refers to Dept's 342.	1/14

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John Russell Young.	565	Dec. 4	Japanese. Protection of by U.S. Consuls. Japanese Min. extend thanks for same. Correspondence	enc. 1/14
	566	" 4	Officers for Chinese service. Twelve German officers have arrived at Tientsin & It is reported that fifty-five have been engaged. Letter from Lieut Mannix, U.S.A.C.	enc. 1/14
	567	" 6	Account for telegrams etc.	2/16
	568	" 8	550-552 recd.	2/16
	569	" 9	France & China. Threatened war between. Efforts of Amer. Legn. in favor of peace. Reports interviews with Viceroy Li at Tientsin. He is in favor of peace but cannot move the Yamen. Overtures by China to Govt. Brit. & Japan to use their good offices. Unfortunate relations bet. Amer. & French Legns. China has & has declared to make concessions, probably owing to interested European advice. Correspondence & text of tele.	enc. 2/16
	570	" 9	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Thanks of China for railroad facilities. Correspondence	enc. Repro. 6 Dft. 3/10
	571	" 9	France & China. Threatened war between. Inc. newspaper article giving an account of an alleged interview bet. Mr. Young & Viceroy Li offering terms on wh. France will make peace. Mr Young pronounces the article entirely false. It was probably invented by Li's friends to ingratiate him with the Chinese war party.	2/16
	572	" 10	Claim of Dr. Macgowan. an Amer. citizen in the Chinese Customs service, growing out of a riot upon foreigners at Wenchow. The claim has been settled through mediation of Brit Consul at Wenchow. but must be paid through the Inspector Genl of Customs. Correspondence	enc. 2/16
	573	" 12	France & China. Threatened war between. Enc. memorandum submitted to Brit. Min. by H.S. Wilkinson, Brit. Crown Advocate in regard to the position of Brit subjects in China as affected by the hostilities bet.	2/16
	574	" 12	Students (Chinese) educated in America. Mr. Young brings to the attention of the Yamen the leaving at Foochow of certain students educated in America & hopes that the system will be revived. Correspondence enc.	2/16
	575	" 12	Fines imposed upon masters of vessels for errors in manifests. Director Genl of Customs holds that the consul should not state the error as a mitigation but merely inform the Chinese customs Comr. of the fact, who must impose the fine. Enc. Correspondence showing the evils of the present system of fine by the Comr. alone, or fine when the Consul & Comr. are applied to jointly. The fine is imposed under the Brit. treaty. Specific cases stated.	2/16
	576	" 13	Dinner given to diplomatic corps by the Yamen in honor of 50th birthday of the Empress Regent.	2/16
	577	" 15	Officers (Germans) in Chinese Navy. German Legn has no knowledge of why they came. They arrived as "Moravian missionaries" & under assumed names. Enc. letter from Lt. Mannix stating that the German drill & arms are to be introduced in the Chinese fleet.	2/16
	578	" 17	Corea. Revolution in. Enc. information rec'd at Peking giving information rel. to.	2/16
	579	" 17	Account for telegrams (duplicate)	2/16
	580	" 22	Protection of foreigners at Newchwang. General satisfaction & salutary result of stationing U.S.S. "Palos" at Newchwang. Correspondence enc.	2/16
	581	" 22	France & China. Threatened war between. German officers are said to be supplanting the English in the Chinese service. German Legn denies all knowledge of the German officers. German tactics & arms are being introduced in the Chinese service. Letter from Tientsin rel to	enc. 2/16
	582	" 22	France & China. Threatened war between. Declaration of France that the time for negotiations had passed has no effect upon warlike temper of the Yamen. Navigation is closed & no negotiations can take place until spring. China will offer passive resistance to French aggressions	2/16
	583	" 22	France & China. Threatened war between. China influenced to continue the struggle by interested advice from Europe. Reasons why European govts. desire to keep France employed in China. Li Hung Chang in favor of peace, but can accomplish nothing. Correspondence with V. Cn. at Tientsin enc	2/16
	584	" 23	Japan. New Chinese Min. to, calls upon Mr. Young & requests an introductory letter to U.S. Min. in Japan. Mr. Young impresses upon him the value of good relations bet. China & Japan.	2/16
	585	" 23	France & China. War bet. Quotes recent decree from the Throne showing the Emperor to be averse to peace.	2/25
	586	" 26	Manners & customs at Peking. Enc. newspaper article showing the backward condition of the Chinese.	2/25
	587	" 26	Disturbances in China owing to feelings aroused by France-Chinese difficulty. Gives newspaper article giving account of the looting of a Christian chapel & mission house	2/25
	588	" 26	France & China. Enc. newspaper article showing the views of foreign residents in China as to the course necessary for China to pursue. Concession by the latter considered necessary	2/25
	589	" 26	France & China. War bet. Gives list of private subscriptions of Chinese for war purposes	2/25

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John Russell Young.	590	Dec 26	Mediation clause of the Treaty of Tientsin. Enc. letter of Dr. Martin who acted as interpreter to the Amer. Legn. during the negotiation, relating how the clause was suggested by the Chinese & its undiplomatic form.	2/25
	591	" 26	France & China. War between. Statement of Paris newspapers that Mr. Holcombe was the principal adviser of the Yamen. Mr. Young states that he himself drafted an important note rel. to Franco-Chinese difficulty, and states that Mr. Holcombe improperly let the cat out of the bag. Censures this action as a violation of official trust. Refers to dis. 596.	2/25
	592	" 26	France & China. War bet. Gives the statement of two Chinese officials who declare that they saw Capt Fournier strike out the clause rel. to the Chinese evacuation of Tonquin in the Fournier Memorandum - rel. Capt Fournier declares he did not do.	2/25
	593	" 26	Influence (Amer.) in China. Mr. Young controverts Mr. Seward's published statements of the decay of Amer. influence in China & holds it is greater than ever before.	2/25
	594	" 27	France & China. War bet. Honors bestowed upon Chinese officers who fought the French in Formosa.	2/25
	595	" 27	Destruction of Christian chapels & property in the province of Kwantung. Lists distinctions in a Chinese newspaper. None of the property is known to belong to Amer citizens	2/25
	596	" 27	Tea Trade of China. Falling off of, during the Franco-Chinese war & the cultivation of the plant in India. The opium trade in China is increasing.	2/25
	597	" 27	Duplicate of Dept's 233 requested.	2/25
	598	" 27	France & China. War between. Rumor that Viceroy Li memorialized the Throne suggesting that the difficulty be arranged by arbitration on basis of Tientsin Treaty without payment of indemnity. On the same day a royal decree was issued threatening punishment to any ~~to any~~ Governor making proposals of peace.	2/25
	599	" 27	France & China. War bet. Enc. newspaper article giving the Chinese side of the controversy.	2/25
	600	" 27	France & China. War between. Newspaper description of the battle between the junks & forts at Foochow. The action of the French defended as not cruel.	2/25
	601	" 29	353-357 except 355 + circ. of Oct 27 rec'd.	2/25
	602	" 29	Cotton Convention at New Orleans rec. Circ. of Oct 27 arrived too late to enable China to send delegates. Mr Young has asked that a delegate be sent from Chinese Legn at Washington	2/25
	603	" 29	Likin tax. Chinese authorities at Ningpo have relaxed regulations rel. to. Refers to dispatch 344.	2/25
	604	" 30	Protection of foreigners in China. Enc. resolutions of Foochow General Chamber of Commerce expressing appreciation of the action of Adm. Davis, U. S. N.	2/25
	605	" 30	Status of Jas W. Grayson, formerly an officer in U. S. Army & now engaged in defense measures at Canton. Mr. Young holds that he is amenable to Canadian jurisdiction. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc.	3/6
	606	" 30	France & China. War between. Enc. correspondence & resolution passed by a public meeting of foreigners at Shanghai appealing to the Brit. German & Amer. representatives to unite to secure peace	2/25
	607	" 30	Light House Notice. Light at Anping, South Formosa to be extinguished during blockade of Formosa by the French.	2/25
	608	" 30	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U. S. The carrying of the tribute rice, altho the franchise was purchased with the ships, has been divided among the three steamship companys to avoid business conflicts. The largest commercial coasting fleet in China is now under the Amer. flag. Refers to dis. 353.	2/25
	609	" 31	Property of Americans in China. Protection of during war bet. France & China. Consul Seal at Shanghai has been instructed to advise Amer. citizens to register their property at the Consulates as evidence in making reclamations in case of destruction. Refers to Dept's 357.	2/25
	610	1885 Jan. 5	Opprobrious epithet "foreign barbarian" used in a Peking Gazette. The attention of the Yamen was called to the matter by the Dean of Dip. Corps as being prohibited by treaty. The Yamen replied that the Chinese character was erroneously used.	3/16
	611	" 6	Account for telegrams.	3/16
	612	" 7	France & China. War between. Conversation with the Prince reported. China regards the Tientsin Convention initiated by France. China not disposed to make concessions.	3/16
	613	" 7	New Years visit to the Legn. of Chinese officials reported.	3/16
	614	" 7	Vessels under Chinese flag transferred to flag of U. S. Successful intervention of Mr. Young to prevent the seizure of Ma Tsai'ai who aided the transfer.	3/16
	615	" 8	France & China. War between. Rumor that France is blockading Formosan ports. The Legations in Peking have no knowledge of the fact. Brit. Adm. appears to be informed.	3/16

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John Russell Young.	616	Jan. 8	Chefoo. Importance of the consulate at. Desire of the consul for an appropriation to improve the efficiency of his office & the consular premises. Correspondence enc.	3/6
	617	9	Fishery rights of Dr. Ashmore at Amoy. Dr. Ashmore objects to the terms of settlement obtain through the attention of the Brit. Dutch Consuls. Mr. Young has appealed to the Yamen to protect Dr. Ashmore in enjoyment which is confirmed by the Taotai. Correspondence enc. Refers to his #532	3/6
	618	9	Opium. Traffic in at Foochow by Americans in violation of treaty. Enc. letter from Con. at Foochow rel to. Mr. Young has called the attention of merchants to the terms of the convention	Refers to his #526 3/16
	619	10	Leave of absence with permission to visit U.S. requested.	3/16
	620	10	Russia. Her relations with France & China. Her present policy passivity. Rumored Russian occupation of Quelpart Island. Brit. & supposed designs upon Port Hamilton.	3/6
	621	10	Telephone & phonograph. Enc. report of a meeting of Royal Asiatic Society & a paper showing that the principle of these inventions has long been known in China.	3/16
	622	10	Typhoons in China. Enc. newspaper reviews of a publication upon by Rev. Marc Deshevrens. a jesuit priest at Shanghai. Con. Geil at Shanghai will forward the publication to Dept.	3/6
	623	10	Cotton Convention at New Orleans. The circ. rel. to arrived too late to be acted upon. Mr. Young suggested that a number of the Chinese Legn. at Washington might be appointed delegates by telegraph.	3/6
	624	12	Shanghai. Nomination of Wm. S. Evans as interpreter at.	3/16
	625	12	Premises of Legn. Their poor condition & suggestions for their improvement. States the provision that has been made for lodging new members of Legn. Sums have been advanced payable out of the contingent fund. Plans of the Legn. premises enc.	3/16
	626	12	Mixed Court at Shanghai. Mr. Storeich of German consular service has been acting as Assn. assessor since the departure of Mr. Cheshire. As the arrangement has been made. Thanks have been extended to German Legn.	3/16
	627	14	358-361 incl.	3/16
	628	16	France & China. War between. Warlike preparations of China. The German naval officers lately arrived will soon be actively engaged. The German Legn. disowns all knowledge of the German officers. Relevant publications enc.	3/16
	629	16	Account for telegrams (duplicate).	3/16
	630	17	Publication in Chinese of "Poor Richard's Almanac" enc. It is used as a text book for Chinese students at the govt. college at Peking.	3/16
	631	20	Protection of foreigners at Canton. Enc. Protest of missionaries at Ningpo against an incendiary publication at Canton as to the means of arresting the spread of Christianity. Enc. the above proclamation. Reviews the missionary question in China & cites treaties with foreign countries in rel. China stipulates to protect missionaries. A joint diplomatic remonstrance will be made to the Yamen. Letter from Con. at Canton enc.	3/16
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	24	Account for salary.	3/16
W. W. Rockhill, 2d Secy of Legn	—	24	Account for salary.	3/16
John Russell Young.	632	24	Protection of foreigners at Canton. The Viceroy at Canton has suppressed the publication arguing agst. the spread of Christianity at the intercession of the Brit. Con. Genl. Correspondence bet. the Viceroy Brit. Con. Genl enc. No formal complaint will be made to the Yamen, but the matter will be represented informally. Refers to his 631.	3/16
	633	26	Passports signed in blank by Ministers & issued by Consuls in China. Hopes that Dept. will reconsider its order to discontinue the practice as it is of great convenience to Americans requesting passports. Correspondence with V. Con. at Newchwang enc. Refers to his #560 & Dept's 342.	3/16
	634	26	362 ackd.	3/16
	635	27	Resignation tendered. Compliments the attaches of the Legn. & hopes for their retention.	3/30
	636	27	Account for salary.	3/30
	637	27	Account for contingencies.	3/30
	638	27	Account for loss by exchange.	3/30
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	30	Account for loss by exchange.	3/30
W. W. Rockhill, 2d Secy.	—	Feb. 2	Account for loss by exchange.	4/3
John Russell Young.	Tel	2	Among Consulate. "Goldsborough continues insolent & insubordinate. Regret the necessity of requesting his immediate suspension.	
	639	6	Cotton Exhibition at New Orleans. Trouble experienced by Chinese officials from U.S. Customs authorities. Mr. Young states the trouble arose through ignorance of orders.	4/3
	640	7	Text of telegram.	4/2
	641	7	Passport issued to J. M. Nelson & withdrawn by Consul at Canton on account of Nelson's dis-	

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1865	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
John Russell Young.	642	Feb. 9	Claim of John W. Grayden vs. China for money due him on torpedo contracts. Consul at Canton has been instructed to aid Mr. Grayden by good offices, though the latter entered into negotiations with Chinese officials without intervention of Consul as required by treaty. Correspondence with Con. at Canton enc. Refers to his 605.	4/3
	643	" 10	Ward claims indemnity. Gunther estate fund. The account paid by China in settlement of has been deposited in bank at Shanghai, subject to order of Con. Genl. Correspondence enc.	4/3
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 10	Account for transit & salary on leave. Requests payment of.	4/11
	—	" 11	Leave of absence. Extension of for 40 days requested.	4/10
John Russell Young.	644	" 11	Account for salary (duplicate)	4/3
	645	" 11	Account for contingencies (duplicate)	4/3
	646	" 11	Account for loss by exchange (duplicate)	4/3
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 11	Account for salary & loss by exchange (duplicates) [Two despatches]	4/5
John Russell Young.	647	" 12	Marine notice enc.	4/5
	648	" 12	Annex. Incidence of Consul Goldsborough at, to Mr Young. Enc. despatch from Consul Goldsborough accusing Mr. Young of official dishonesty. This the reason why Mr Young has requested Mr Goldsborough be suspended. Refers to his Tel of 2 inst.	4/5
	649	" 14	Desertion Benj. Taylor from U. S. S. "Kearsarge" at Canton. Application to the Chinese authorities failed to secure his arrest. Mr. Young suggests action in such cases by the Consulate without Chinese intervention. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc.	4/13
	650	" 14	Neutrality of U. S. in present condition of affairs bet. France & China. Con. at Foochow has been instructed that he shd. not recommend Amer. officers to the Chinese govt. as desired by an Amer. firm. Correspondence enc.	4/13
	651	" 14	Seizure of boats belonging to Americans at Foochow by Chinese to transport soldiers. Consul at Foochow obtains from Viceroy, return of the boats, an indemnity & an explanation. Correspondence enc.	4/13
	652	" 16	Protection of Amer. interests in China. Mr. Young writes to Adm. that the movements of war vessels should be left to him.	4/13
	653	" 16	Missionaries. Protection of in interior of China. Mr. Young thinks there is no present occasion for uneasiness. Correspondence with a missionary enc.	4/13
	654	" 17	365-367 rcd.	4/13
	655	" 18	Account for telegrams.	4/18
W. W. Rockhill, 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 23	Account for salary & loss by exchange (duplicate) enc.	4/27
John Russell Young	656	" 23	Military officers (Germans) in Chinese service. Enc. extract from a private letter rel. to. The German Legn. denies all knowledge of the presence of German officers in China.	4/27
	657	" 23	Canton. Retention of Chas. Seymour as Consul at. Enc. memorial of Amer. residents of Canton to the Pres. asking same. Mr. Young speaks highly of Mr. Seymour's services.	4/27
	658	" 23	Citizenship status of "Wong Ting" alias John Frederick Pearson, born of a Chinese woman to an Amer. father. He claims Amer. citizenship to aid him in a difficulty about property. Mr. Young holds that he must be regarded as an Amer. citizen, if he has not taken upon himself another allegiance. Correspondence with Consul at Canton enc.	4/27
	659	" 23	Japanese subjects. Protection of by U. S. Consuls. Consul at Chinkiang has claimed the right to make representations for Japanese-wh. has been conceded by the Taotai. Incident of the closing of a tea house without the Consul's knowledge. Correspondence with Consul at Chinkiang enc. Refers to his 565.	4/27
	Tel	" 25	France & China. War between. "French Minister declares rice contraband of war. This very important part coast carrying trade. Shall I protest"?	4/27
	Tel	" 26	France & China. War between. "Amer. interests Shanghai content rice declared contraband, fearing otherwise blockade ports wd. wd. be extremely detrimental."	4/27
	660	" 26	Text of telegram.	4/27
	661	" 26	Passport returns enc.	4/27
	662	" 27	New Years Reception at the Tsung-li-Yamen of the Diplomatic corps. Speech of Mr. Young as Dean.	4/27
	663	" 28	Text of telegram.	4/27
	664	Mar. 2	Text of telegram.	4/27
	665	" 6	France & China. War between. Blockade of Foochow to prevent the advance of the French announced by China. Note from Foreign Office enc.	4/27
	666	" 6	Consular intercourse with provincial viceroys in China. The foreign consuls at Canton refuse to treat with a subordinate official instead of the Viceroy directly. Enc. identical note to Foreign Office of Mins of U. S. Germany, Gt. Brit, Japan & Russia supporting the position of the Consuls. Tsung-li-Yamen reserves the question for future decision.	4/27

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE. 1885	SUBJECT.	RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION.
John Russell Young.	Tel.	Mar. 9	France + China. War between. China objects to the employment of Amer. pilots on French ves of war. Asks if he shall forbid such service.	
	667	9	Text of telegram.	4/27
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	669	10	France + China. War between. Blockade of Formosa + incidents connected with same. Enc. despatches rel. to from Brit Con. at Tamsui, Formosa rec'd from Brit. Min.	4/27
	670	10	Fines inflicted upon masters of vessels for errors in manifests. It is proposed to require a guarantee from owners of vessels for the repayment of fines that may be inflicted. Form of bond, wh. may be declared void at any time by Customs Com'r, enc. Correspondence with Consul at Foochow enc. Refers to his #52 + 75.	4/27
	Tel	11	France + China. War between. Gov't. Brit. refuses to regard rice generally contraband of war. Prince asks Legn. to issue same notification + requests protests against American pilots being employed on French ships of war.	
	671	11	Text of telegram.	4/27
	672	12	Text of telegram.	4/27
	673	13	France + China. War between. Rice declared contraband of war by France from Feb 26. Notification issued by French Minister to China enc.	4/27
	674	14	355, 363 + 364, 368-376 rec'd.	4/27
	Tel	14	Protection of foreigners in China. Brit ships have been ordered from treaty ports owing to threatened British-Russian difficulties. The former disposition of naval vessels was important for the protection of all interests.	
	675	16	Marriage certificate of John A. D. Smith + Fannie M. Strong enc.	5/13
	676	16	Text of telegram.	5/13
	677	17	Account. Drafts of Legn. dishonored by Treas. Explains how the expense involved was incurred + how the expenditure was necessary + proper. Correspondence enc.	5/13
	678	17	Account for rent.	5/13
	679	19	377-381 rec'd.	5/13
	680	19	Publication. Chinese Maritime Customs Reports transmitted.	5/13
	681	19	Contraband of war. Enc. letter from French Minister to French Consul at Canton informing him that rice will be treated as contraband after Feb. 26.	5/13
	682	20	Japan + China. Difficulty bet. growing out of Corean revolution. Reports arrival of Japanese embassy. After using his good offices to preserve peace he will avail himself of his leave of absence.	5/13
	683	23	Leave of absence. He will transfer the Legn to E. J. Smithers, Consul at Chinkiang as instructed + then avail himself of leave granted.	5/13
Chester Holcombe Secy of Legn. John Russell Young.	—	20	Account for transit + salary on leave enc. Advice of draft. Acks 17 inst.	5/21
	Tel	29	Resignation. Tendered. It was sent by mail Jan 27.	
	684	23	Death of Brit. Minister Sir Harry S. Parkes reported. Correspondence enc.	5/13
	685	23	Text of telegram.	5/13
	686	23	Japanese Embassy. Its arrival at Peking + its call upon Mr. Young reported.	5/13
	687	24	Contraband of war. Enc. notification by French Cn. Genl. at Shanghai enumerating articles wh. are declared contraband.	5/13
	688	26	Annam. Sovereignty of China over. Pamphlet + enc.	5/13
	689	26	Stationery + flags with Dept's 372 rec'd.	5/13
	690	26	Denial by Mr. Young of a newspaper statement that he had made a proposition to China to farm the revenues.	5/13
W. W. Rockhill 2d Secy of Legn. John Russell Young.	—	26	Account for salary. Explains cause. Asks 19 Jan.	5/13
	691	26	Coinage + production of precious metals in China. Can furnish no new information. Refers to Legn's Feb 28/77 + June 24/78. Reply to circ. of Jan 20.	5/13
	692	27	Account for rent (duplicate)	5/13
	693	29	Missionaries. Protection of in China. Correspondence with Chairman of China Branch of the Evangelical Alliance. The Central govt. willing to protect missionaries + Christians but outrages are perpetrated in the provinces. Indemnity for property destroyed desired. Mr. Young replies that the principle of protection has always been accepted by the Yamen	5/13
	694	30	Opium traffic. Suppression of. The source of the opium traffic is within British jurisdiction from Hong Kong + India + not from China. Legislation shd. be directed accordingly. Refers to Dispatch #3	5/13
	695	30	Ningpo. Protection of German interests at by Amer. consul. German Min. has been informed that Dept. sanctions Mr. Young's instruction to that end. Refers to Dept's 375.	5/13

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John Russell Young	696	Mar. 30	Contraband of war. Consul at Ningpo has been instructed not to clear Amer. vessels carrying contraband for either France or China. Correspondence with Con. enc.	7/13
	697	" 30	France + China. War between. Enc. letter from Con. at Ningpo giving an account of the naval operations at that port + presence of Chinese war vessels	7/13
	698	" 30	Account for expense of journey of 2d Secy to Tientsin to meet Japanese mission enc.	7/13
	699	" 31	Departure for U. S. He will leave on Consul Smithers arrival at Peking. Text of telegram.	7/13
Chester Holcombe, Secy of Legn.	—	" 31	Account for salary. Argues that he is entitled to same both as Secy + Interpreter. Acks	21 inst
D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 31	Account for salary enc.	7/13
John Russell Young.	700	Apr. 1	Account for salary enc.	7/13
	701	" 2	Japan + China. Difficulty between growing out of the revolution in Corea. Enc. correspondence giving an account of the difficulty + of the negotiations for the settlement of	7/25
W. W. Rockhill, 2d Secy of Legn.	701A	" 2	Account for telegrams (duplicate).	15/25
John Russell Young.	—	" 2	Account for salary.	7/25
	702	" 3	Account for telegrams.	7/25
	703	" 7	Account for salary (duplicate)	7/25
	704	" 7	Account for expenses of journey of 2d Secy of Legn to Tientsin (duplicate) enc	7/25
D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 7	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	7/25
John Russell Young.	705	" 7	Account for contingencies enc.	7/25
	705A	" 7	Account for rent enc.	7/25
	706	" 7	Account for telegrams enc.	7/25
	Tel	" 8	Departure for U. S. of Mr. Young. "Legation today transferred Smithers."	
	707	" 8	Legation has been on this date transferred to Mr. Smithers.	7/25
	708	" 8	Chargé. Oath of Mr. Smithers as enc.	7/25
	709	" 8	Text of telegram.	7/25
W. W. Rockhill, 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 10	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	7/25
Enoch J. Smithers, Chargé.	710	" 10	382 + circ. of Feb. 7, rcd.	7/25
	1	" 12	Chargé. Reports his presentation as.	6/5
	2	" 14	Inventory of furniture in the Legn. enc Much of it is out of use + in need of repair.	6/5
	3	" 15	Books (Chinese) Three boxes of enumerated in Mr. Young's 342 transmtd. Refers to Dept's 370.	6/5
	4	" 16	France + China. War between. Enc. decree declaring an armistice for the arrangement of a permanent peace. The embargo on rice still continues.	6/5
	Tel	" 20	Canton Indemnity. China requests that it be paid to Chinese Minister to U. S.	
	5	" 21	Canton Indemnity. Return of to China. Enc. note in wh. china requests that it be paid to Chinese Minister to U. S. Text of telegram.	6/5
	6	" 22	Account for contingencies (duplicate) enc.	6/5
	7	" 22	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc.	6/5
	8	" 24	Passports. Returns 33 passports signed in blank by Mr. Young + therefore useless at Legn.	6/5
	9	" 29	Japan + China. Difficulty between growing out of the revolution in Corea. A protocol has been signed by wh. Japanese + Chinese troops are to be withdrawn from Corea + no indemnity is claimed by Japan.	6/9
	10	" 29	Wharfage dues at Tientsin. Mr. Smithers refuses to assent to a prolongation of the agreement wh. had at been carried abt fairly. Hereafter Americans will pay for use of the wharves, paying a reasonable compensation therefor. Refers to Dept's 197.	6/9
	11	May 1	Claim of Frazar + Co. vs. China for losses caused by the imposition of Lekin tax on a shipment of kerosine oil at Canton. Mr. Young asked indemnity wh. was refused by the Yamen. Enc. letters from Frazar + Co., note from the Yamen + the proclamation imposing the Lekin tax.	6/9
	12	" 2	Trial of case of St. J. H. Edwards vs. W. Elwell Goldsborough, Consul at Amoy, for arrears of salary + rent of consular premises. Mr. Goldsborough issued a warrant for the arrest of Edwards on charge of perjury. Both cases will be tried by Mr. Smithers June 10th	6/9
	13	" 4	Japan + China. Difficulty between growing out of Corean revolution. Enc. text of Convention settling same. Refers to his 9.	6/9
	14	" 5	383-405 + circs. of Mar. 6 + 7 rcd.	6/9
	15	" 6	France + China. War between. Enc dispatch from Con. at Canton rel. to French operations in Tonquin. The French have 13,500 men. The Chinese are beginning has afraid of cholera.	6/9
	16	" 6	Corea cultivation in China. Enc information rcd from Consuls for Amer. Corea Cultivation &c.	6/9
John Russell Young.	—	" 6	Premises of Legn. States reasons why he diverted the repairs fund to buildings a house on the Legn premises. States same shd be acceptable to Govt as it increases the value of the estate. He will bear the expense if his action is not approved. Acks 42	6/9

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E. J. Smithers, Chargé.	17	May 7	Account for telegrams	5/19
	18	" 11	Account for rent (duplicate) enc.	5/20
	19	" 12	Claim of A. A. Fisher vs. China for personal injuries received during riot at Shanghai in 1873. States the action taken. the authorities at Shanghai have refused to make any compensation. Refers to Mr. Seward's July 3/79. Stating the Fisher voluntarily exposed himself. No claims for personal injuries have been paid. Ackgs 730.	5/20
	20	" 14	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc.	5/20
	21	" 15	406-421 & circs of Mar. 21 to 26 incl.	5/20
	22	" 15	Travel certificate to be issued by consuls in China. Thinks they shd be issued for a year instead of for a particular journey, but shd be limited to a certain number of provinces. Enc draft of travel certificate. Refers to Dept's 379.	5/20
	23	" 19	422 acknd.	5/20
	24	" 19	Trial of the Edwards-Goldsborough cases will be held at Amoy instead of at Peking by reason of greater convenience. The Secs. Adm. will convey Mr. Smithers. Refers to his 12.	5/20
	25	" 20	Merchant Vessels of U. S. 16th Annual List of. Copies have been sent to Genera.	5/20
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 20	Advice of draft.	7/13
E. J. Smithers, Chargé.	26	" 22	Ward Claims Indemnity. Claim of G. Gunther against. Enc. receipt from atty of the Gunther estate for 1742 1/2 taels paid in settlement. Refers to Legn's Mar. 10, 1884.	7/13
Charles Denby	—	June 1	Accepts Appointment as E. E. & M. P. Oath enclosed. Nativity &c.	6/3.
E. J. Smithers Chargé	27	" 6	423-429, recd.	5/15.
	28	" 20	Franco-Chinese treaty signed on 9th inst. Translation of enclosed.	5/15.
	29	" 26	430, recd.	5/15.
Charles Denby	1	" 30	Departure for post on 1st prox, reported. Ackgs 6th inst.	
E. J. Smithers Chargé	30	July 2	New Orleans Exhibition. Trouble experienced by Chinese Representatives at Newfoundland Custom House. Chinese Inspector-General of Customs says no complaint was made and thinks a formal complaint would not be justified. Reply to No 427.	5/15.
	31	" 3	France & China. Encl newspaper extract giving translation of secret memorial to the Throne setting forth the History of the recent Tientsin negotiations which terminated in the peace between.	5/15.
Charles Denby jr. 2d Secy of Legn	—	" 5	Appointment as Second Secretary of Legation. Thanks for. - Oath, enclosed.	
John Russell Young	Tel.	" 6	Successor "Have telegraphed Col. Denby to meet him, remain here a week."	7/6.
E. J. Smithers Chargé	Sep.	" 10	Accounts - Transit.	5/15
	Sep.	" 10	Criminal complaint vs St. Julian Hugh Edwards. - Case brought to trial & dismissed Judgment of the Court, and Marshal's accounts for disbursement of fees, enclosed.	5/15.
	Sep.	" 10	Accounts - Salary -	5/15.
Charles Denby.	—	" 11	Personal instructions. Ackgs 6 inst. enclosing same.	7/13
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 13	Letter of credit enc. Ackgs 6 inst.	7/14
E. J. Smithers, Chargé	32	" 14	431-438 recd.	9/1
	33	" 20	Account for telegrams enc.	9/11
	34	" 20	Thanks of Germany to Consul Stevens at Ningpo for protection of German interests. Enc. letter from German Minister expressing same.	9/11
	35	" 20	439 & circ. of 1 ult. recd	9/11
Chester Holcombe, late Secy of Legn.	—	" 20	Account for balance of salary. Correspondence with Controller enc. Requests that his draft be honored.	7/14
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 20	Account for instruction salary enc. Advice of draft.	7/20
W. W. Rockhill Secy of Legn.	—	" 21	Account for salary.	9/11
E. J. Smithers, Chargé	36	" 21	Decoration conferred by Emperor upon Lt. D. P. Mannix for his services as Torpedo instructor at Tientsin. Enc letter from Viceroy Li asking that its acceptance be permitted	9/11
	Tel	" 21	Military instructors (Amer.) for Corea. China asks that prompt action be taken on Mr. Foster's dispatch asking that Army officers be sent to Corea from U. S.	
	37	" 22	Military instructors (Amer.) for Corea. China asks that they be sent, as Russia is trying to introduce military officers whose aggrandizing motives are feared. Text of tel.	
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 22	Account for salary enc.	9/11
E. J. Smithers, Chargé.	38	" 23	Account for contingencies.	9/11
	39	" 24	Steam launch "Glad Tidings" for use of missionaries in Central China. Permission has not yet been given for its use. Inspector Genl of Customs has drawn up a set of rules for craft not engaged in trade & it is hoped they may be extended to apply to foreign owned boats. Enc. correspondence bet. Con. at Chinkiang & Viceroy at Nanking. Refers to Dept's 39 &	

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Charles Denby.	1	July 28	Departure for post. He will leave Emeryville, Cal. 29 inst. Address to Aug 15. Palace Hotel, San Francisco.	9/2
E. J. Smithers, Charge.	40	" 31	Account for expenses of visit to Tientsin to try causes between H. J. H. Edwards, & Consul Goldsborough.	9/2
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	Aug. 1	Account for salary (duplicate)	9/22
E. J. Smithers, Chargé.	41-45	" 3	Accounts for telegrams, contingencies, salary & transit from Chinkiang to Peking (duplicates) enc.	9/22
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	1	" 3	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	9/22
E. J. Smithers.	46	" 4	Appointment of Chang Yin Huan as Min. to U. S. reported.	9/22
	47	" 4	Account for shipping Chinese books to Washington enc. Refers to Dept's 871.	9/22
	48	" 7	440-441 recd.	9/22
	49	" 14	Vessels (steam) not engaged in trade navigating on interior water ways of China Rules governing them enc. Missionary launch "Glad Tidings" cannot be used under these regulations. Refers to his 39.	9/22
	50	" 15	442 & 443 recd.	9/22
	51	" 15	Meteorological report of rainfall in Yangtze valley for Signal Service enc.	9/22
	52	" 21	Corea. Enc. newspaper extract rel. to a secret treaty between Russia & Corea. Russian officers to command Corean troops. D. A. Denny, late Co. Genl at Shanghai, has been made Director Genl of Customs for Corea in place of Mr. von Mollendorff.	10/10
	53	" 21	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc.	10/10
	54	" 21	Account for expenses of shipping Chinese books to Washington (duplicate) enc.	10/10
	55	" 24	Text of telegram.	10/10
	56	" 28	444-448 & circ. of July 6 recd.	10/10
	57	" 28	Secretary of Legation. Oath of W. W. Rockhill as, enc.	10/10
	58	" 28	Vessels of China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. bought by Russell & Co. have been resold to the former Chinese owners. Question of good faith in the transaction. Russell & Co. have brought suit for libel agst a newspaper for impugning it. Good faith vouched for by British consul of Chinese Co. Vessels unremunerative on stopping of rice subsidy.	10/10
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 28	Commission & letter of credit as Secy of Legn recd. Notes 6 ult.	10/10
E. J. Smithers, Chargé.	59	" 29	Signal & Field Telegraph Corps in Chinese Army. Has copies letter from Co at Tientsin enc. Reply & circ of Nov. 6.	1/30
	60	Sept. 2	Circs. of July 11 & 23 recd.	10/30
	61	" 5	Stationery requested.	10/30
	62	" 6	Death of Gen. Grant. Enc note expressing sorrow of the Yamen.	10/30
	63	" 8	Account for rent enc	10/30
	64	" 20	Account for rent (duplicate) enc.	11/6
	65	" 28	Corea. Late King of, imprisoned in China for inciting a rebellion in Corea, has been released. Decree enc. in which Corea is spoken of as a Chinese dependency.	11/6
	66-69	" 30	Accounts for salary, telegrams, rent & contingencies enc.	11/16
	69½	" 30	Account for telegrams.	11/16
	70	Oct. 1	Legation transferred to Mr. Denby as this date. Mr. Smithers will leave at once for Shanghai.	11/16
Charles Denby.	Tel	Sept 30	"Arrived."	
	2	Oct 1	Text of telegram.	11/16
	Tel	" 1	Furniture for Legn. "Furniture worthless. Ask authority to spend $3000.	
	3	" 1	Text of telegram.	11/16
	4	" 2	Journey of Mr. Denby & route to post. Gives account of courtesies extended to him in Japan & China En route & makes his acknowledgments for courtesies of Adm. Davis & Legn officers.	11/16
	5	" 2	Arrival at post on 30 ult. reported. Has been recd by Yamen. Unable to present his credence to Emperor on account of latter's minority.	11/16
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 2	Account for transit.	11/16
Charles Denby.	6	" 3	Furniture of Legn. Its wants. Enc. inventory. Gives reasons for asking for allowance of $3000 for.	11/16
	7	" 5	Chinkiang. Enc. letter from D. A. Emery stating that he does not desire to continue in charge of L. A. Burghaly V. Con. at.	11/16
	8	" 5	Military officers of U. S. desired by Corea. Li Hung Chang asks that they be sent.	11/16
	9	" 8	Collision between a Chinese coal boat & Amer. vessel "Arnaan". Case stated. Asks by what tribunal such a case shall be tried whether under treaty of 1858 or 1880. Asks if Consul has right to demand deposit for court fees. Enc note from Tsung Office.	11/16
	10	" 9	Interpreters to Consulates. Asks whether persons appointed shd be allowed to engage in business.	11/16
	11	" 10	Outrages upon Chinese in America. Enc. note from Yamen asking for indemnity for the killed and for property destroyed as Mr. Denby acknowledges.	11/16
	12	" 12	Corea. China anxious that no new Ministers be appointed, but that Ministers to China have jurisdiction over Corea. Mr. Denby approves the suggestion.	11/16

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Charles Denby.	13	Oct. 10	Interpreter of Legation. Suggests that his title be changed to "Chinese Secretary".	12/5
	14	" 11	Navy of China. Enc. decree from the throne as to reorganization of.	12/5
	15	" 16	Collision between Chinese coal boat & Amer. vessel. Arrest & suit of Lo Chien Lei for damages. Discusses how such suits shd. be tried & as to deposit of court fees. States arguments of Consul Shepherd & Hanbury. Embarrassments arising from interpreters engaging in business. Enc. note to Yamen rel. to case & rules as to Chinese trade.	12/5
	16	" 16	Account for transit	12/5
	17	" 16	Defence of Coast of China. Enc. memorial of Tso Tsung Tang suggesting means of defence - the establishment of railways, telegraphs, the working of mines &c.	12/5
	18	" 17	Diplomatic Corps. Meeting of & discussion of Municipal regulations at Shanghai. Removal of obstructions at Canton, licence fees for steam launches, & regulations as to loading vessels after regular hours.	12/5
	19	" 19	Text of telegram.	12/5
	20	" 19	449 & 450 recd.	12/5
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 19	Account for transit (duplicate) enc.	12/5
Charles Denby.	21	" 20	Inspection of Consulates. Asks permission to make same in spring of 1886. Necessity of familiarizing himself with consular matters.	12/5
	22-24	" 20	Account for contingencies, telegrams & salary of Mr Smithers (duplicate) enc	12/5
	25	" 26	Bund (or public street) in foreign settlement at Ningpo. Proposes construction of by levying export duty on tea & import duty on opium. Mr. Denby disapproves the plan.	12/5
	26	" 26	44 & circs. of Jan 9 & Aug 31 recd.	12/5
	27	" 27	Chinese Writer to Legation. Mr Denby recommends an increase of his salary in view of his long & faithful service. Enc. petition of Liu Chia Fu asking for a gratuity & letter from Interpreter Cheshire	12/17
	28	" 28	Foreign policy of China towards Corea, England & Russia. China evidently in understanding with England as against Russia. Plan of extending jurisdiction of Legn. over Corea. British Minister has such jurisdiction. U.S. should extend its influence & commerce by allowing its military & naval officers & citizens to take service under Eastern govts. Asks 4.	12/17
	29	" 31	Legation premises. Dilapidation of & their needs. Recommends that the reception & dining room be furnished at govt. expense. Furniture has been refused. Expenses necessary owing to peculiar customs in China. Plan of building & ground enc. Reply to circ. of Aug 31	12/17
	30	Nov. 2	Asked.	12/17
	31	" 3	Account for telegrams.	12/17
	32-33	" 4	Accounts for transit & rent (duplicates) enc.	12/26
	34	" 5	Railroad construction in China. Its advocacy by Li Hung Chang. Exhibition of a complete American railroad model before the Imperial Household at Peking. Great success of the experiment	12/26
	35	" 13	452 & 6-10 recd.	12/26
	36	" 13	Minister (Chinese) to U.S. Has informed Yamen that Pres. will be pleased to receive Chang Yin Hoan as Asst.	12/26
	37	" 13	Admiralty Board of China. Its organization. Measures will be taken at once to increase efficiency of the Navy.	12/26
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 13	Account for salary enc.	12/26
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 13	Account for salary enc.	12/26
Charles Denby.	38	" 16	Interpreter. Mr. F. D. Cheshire applies for an increase of salary.	12/26
	39	" 16	Intervention of Mr Denby, with Brit. Chargé, to prevent the execution of an unjust sentence against Capt. Law Buck, of Chinese Navy.	12/26
	40	" 17	Vessels (steam) not engaged in trade navigating on interior waters of China. Mr. Denby refuses to accede to rules proposed by Yamen. They offer to accept consular certificate showing nationality of the vessels. Consul instructed to issue such certificate. Correspondence	1/5
	41	" 18	Opium. Imposition of likin tax upon when sold by wholesale to retail dealers in Shanghai. Mr. Denby refuses to join Brit. Chargé in a protest against it.	12/26
	42	" 21	Archives of Legn. They are complete. Duplicate copies of dispatches are made & are retained at Legn. & Consl. instead of being recorded in books. Desirable that this system be retained for uniformity.	1/5
	43	" 25	Degradation of Li Fang-Pao, late Chinese Min. to Berlin. He is deprived of office & honors, permanently for dishonesty. Decree enc.	1/5
	44	" 27	Minister (Chinese) to U.S. Enc. reply of Yamen to sentiments of Pres. as to appointment of Chang Yin Hoan as.	1/5
	45	" 27	Thanksgiving day. Observance of at Legn. Dinner given by Mr Denby & his speech.	1/5
	46	" 28	451 & circ. of Oct. 1, recd.	1/5
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 28	Account for salary (duplicate)	1/5
Charles Denby	47	Dec. 1	Railroad enterprise of Americans in China. Arrival of Gen. Jas. H. Wilson with Depts letter of introduction. He has been introduced to Viceroy Li, the Yamen & Dip. Corps. His coming well timed.	1/22
	48	" 2	French operations in Annam. Rumor that they will be restricted. Reappearance of the pirates. Terrible loss of life & destruction of Catholic missions by the pirates. China may be able to resume the sovereignty of Annam with making commercial concessions to France.	1/22

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Charles Denby.	49	Dec. 3	Corea. Port Hamiltan to be retained by Govt. Brit. China is endeavoring to reduce Corea to a Chinese province. The Customs service & office of foreign advisers under appointment of China. Chinese troops shortly to be sent to Corea in spite of recent treaty with Japan.	1/22
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 3	Account for loss by exchange. Enc certificate for, omitted from his Feb. 2.	1/22
Charles Denby.	50	" 7	Account for telegrams (duplicate)	1/22
	51	" 7	Claim of Geo. G. Hopkins vs. China for loss sustained by plundering of a vessel in wh. he had a part interest, by Chinese fishermen through the failure of a Chinese war vessel to guard it. Facts stated. Mr. Denby thinks the claim to indemnity not made out.	1/22
	52	" 8	Emigration (Chinese) Enc. extract from native paper in Shanghai advising Chinese to leave U. S. where they are badly treated & emigrate to Sarawak.	1/8
	53	" 10	Political. Loss by China of outlying dependencies will compel her to adopt Western ideas of progress, railroads &c. to preserve her independence. Report that German minister has written a memorial against railroads, fearing success in that field by Americans	2/8
	54	" 11	Newspapers for Legn. designated.	2/8
	55	" 11	Death of Vice Pres't. Hendricks. Note has been communicated to Dip. corps & flags half masted.	2/8
	56	" 15	Trade with China. Customs Gazette for July-Sept. 1885 transmitted. Statement of trade with U. S. given.	2/8
	57	" 18	Lekin Tax in China. Report on its origin, grievances arising from, & action by diplomatic corps towards its abolishment. Proclamation levying likin on tea & silk at Canton & Provincial rules for surrender of transit passes enc.	2/8
	58	" 22	Duties of full value levied on damaged tea exported by John P. Cowles Jr. from Foochow. He desires refund of portion under provision of treaty of Tientsin providing for proportionate reduction of duty on damaged goods. China contends this applies to imports only. When case arises it will again be submitted to China. Enc letter from J. P. Cowles Jr.	2/8
	59	" 1886. 29	11 & 12 recd.	2/9
	60	Jan. 2	Missionaries in China. Gives list of Amer. & other organizations. No persecution of Christians. Outbreaks due to local causes and prejudice against foreigners. Reply to 11.	2/9
Charles Denby, Jr. Second Secretary of Legation Charles Denby.	—	" 1	Account for salaries enc.	2/22
	61	" 5	Advice of draft.	2/22
	62	" 8	Railway projects in Asia. France intends to build railroads in Tonquin. Russia is pushing her military railroad to Merv. Gen. Jas H. Wilson, an Amer. has been examining country & has Treaties at request of Viceroy Li with a view to railway construction.	2/2
	63	" 8	New Years calls of Chinese officials at the Legation.	2/2
	64	" 9	Account for salary enc.	2/2
	65	" 9	Account for contingencies enc.	2/2
	66	" 11	Account for loss by exchange enc.	2/2
	67	" 11	Teachers for Corea. Tel of 8 inst. rel to has been forwarded to Chargé at Seoul.	2/2
	68	" 13	Account for repairs of Legation furniture. Bills for inclosed. Legation now in decent condition.	2/18
	69	" 14	Railroads. Construction of in China. Interviews with Yamen. Mr. Denby argues in favor of railroad construction by Americans. Yamen denies that German Minister opposes railroad construction.	
	—	"	Corea. Military instructors from U. S. for. China gratified that they are to be sent. Necessity of sending men of character & ability.	2/28
	70	" 16	Passport returns.	2/28
	71	" 18	13-17 recd.	2/28
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 26	Account for salary & loss by exchange enc. [Two dispatches]	2/25
Charles Denby.	72	Feb. 6	18-25 & circs. of Nov. 25 & Dec. 10 recd.	2/25
	73	" 6	Bund to be constructed at Ningpo by funds obtained by duties on tea & opium. Mr. Denby has agreed to imposition of duty on tea. 24 acknd.	2/25
	74	" 6	Corea. Transfer of diplomatic jurisdiction to U. S. Legation to China. Viceroy Li will be told, should he again broach the subject, that the transfer is not deemed advisable. 19 acknd.	2/25
	75	" 6	Consulates in China. Inspection of. States he will soon start upon tour.	
	—	"	Courts (consular) in China. Unsatisfactory condition of. Hopes judiciary will be established on its place. 20 acknd.	2/25
	76	" 6	Death of Vice Pres't. Hendricks. Honors in his memory. Circ. of Nov. 25 acknd.	2/25
	77	" 6	Hankow. Recognition of B. J. Franklin, as Consul at, reported.	2/25
	78	" 9	Passport issued to Dr. Crews & Mrs. Lewis to travel in China. Yamen complain of action of Consul Shepherd at Hankow & suggest that places to be visited be specified in passport. Mr. Denby assents to suggestion. Correspondence with Yamen enc.	4/7
	79	" 9	Documents received.	4/7
	80	" 9	Ginseng (Manchurian) Unable to procure seed of. It is gathered wild. Places of its production	4/7

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Charles Denby	81	Feb. 9	Missionary trouble at Chinkiang, growing out of trouble with carpenters building a house. The contractors have missionaries arrested. Brit. & Amer. men of war vessels arrive & carpenters are punished. Amer. grievances will be more difficult to settle in future owing to Chinese outrages in U.	4/7
—	82	" 13	Account for telegrams &c.	4/13
	83-86	" 13	Accounts for contingencies, stationery, salary & passport returns (duplicate) &c.	4/13
	87	" 13	New Year's call of Diplomatic corps on the Yamen. Mr. Denby's speech.	4/13
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 13	Account for salary (duplicate) &c.	4/13
Charles Denby.	88	" 15	Suit growing out of collision between Chinese coal boat & Amer. vessel Arnie. Sends note to Yamen stating that procedure cannot be changed. Refers to Depts #22 & 25.	4/13
	89	" 15	Lekin tax. Negotiations for abolishment of, on goods under transit passes. Dean of Dip. Corps procures from Yamen promise to publish lists of lekin stations & tariffs & to abolish differential taxes on goods under transit pass.	4/13
Charles Denby, Jr, 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 15	Account for salary (duplicate) &c.	4/13
Charles Denby.	90	" 16	Furniture for Legation. Estimate of expense of &c. States what articles are indispensible.	4/13
	91	" 17	Account for repairs of Legation furniture (duplicate) &c.	4/13
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 18	Account for loss by exchange (duplicate) &c.	4/13
Charles Denby.	92	" 17	Tonquin. Small results obtained by France in. Various ideas as to her future	4/26
	93	" 17	Lekin tax. Consul Genl directed to inform Consuls in China that Yamen has consented to publish lists of lekin stations as well as rate of taxation at these stations etc to abolish differential duties on foreign goods sent under transit pass after arrival at destination. Consuls instructed to intercede personally in case of breach of these regulations.	4/26
	94	" 17	Colonial possessions of China. Information for Treasury. Reply to circ. of Dec 10.	4/26
	Tel	" 19	Outrages upon Chinese in U. S. "Yamen complains bitterly of late outrages".	
	95	" 22	Outrages upon Chinese in U. S. Yamen demands protection guaranteed by treaty & punishment of the guilty. Mr. Denby replies that U. S. is exerting its authority to the desired end. Correspondence	4/26
	96	" 24	Account for rent &c.	4/26
	97	" 24	Railroads in China. No certainty that progress will be inaugurated. Corruption among all classes of officials. Empire ruled by the eunuchs. Tyranny. Gen'l Wilson has emerged	Yellow River. 4/26
	98	" 25	Claims of Americans against China. Irregular mode method of presenting claims to Legation. Suggests that the claimant shd. be told to present a concise statement. Cites case of Mr. Wetmore, who presents claim for damages because of prevention from manufacturing	4/26
	99	Mar. 1	Account for repairs of Legation (duplicate) &c.	4/26
	101-101	" 1	Accounts for rent & telegrams (duplicates) &c.	4/26
	102	" 3	26-34 rec'd.	4/26
	103	" 4	Account for telegrams for Feb. 1886 &c.	4/26
	104	" 4	Petroleum (Amer.) Lekin tax imposed upon at Canton. Report upon same. States it is a duty imposed tax & cannot be remedied unless a new treaty is negotiated. Concessions as to Lekin obtained by German Min. Yamen's note to German Min. &c. Refers to Dept's 31 & his 57	4/26
	105	" 4	Missionary trouble at Chinkiang, growing out of trouble with a contractor. In finding the account of the missionaries correct the contractor is given additional punishment [Refers to his 81.]	4/26
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 5	Accounts for salary & loss by exchange &c. [Two despatches.]	4/26
Charles Denby.	106	" 8	Railroads in China. No probability of immediate building of. Strong argument in favor of their building by Americans. Mr. Denby will continue to quietly advance Amer. interests in that direction.	4/26
	107	" 10	Emigration (Chinese) to U. S. Discusses statements in Pres'ts message rel. to. Difficulty of protecting Americans in China after outrages in U. S. Suggests appointment of a commission to draw up a new treaty on reciprocal basis, excluding Amer. laborers from China. States he will visit U. S. to discuss matter, if desired. Effect of favored nation clause in all treaties.	4/26
	108	" 10	Account for telegrams for Feb. (duplicate) &c.	4/26
	109	" 10	Outbreak (threatened) at Canton on account of rumored refusal of Pres't to recommend payment of indemnity for outrages on Chinese in U. S. &c. Letter to Yamen asking action to prevent outbreak. Danger considered over. U. S. S. Monocacy ordered to Canton.	4/26
	110	" 12	36-38 circ. of Jan 18 rec'd.	4/26
	111	" 12	Opium business in China. Consul at Chinkiang asked if an Amer. can be permitted to sub-let part of his premises to a Brit. subject to carry on the opium business. Mr. Denby replies that it is prohibited by treaty. Correspondence &c.	4/26
	112	" 16	Coinage &c. of precious metals in China. Information for Treasury transmitted. Reply to circ. of Jan 18	5/19
	113	" 17	Outbreak (threatened) at Canton on account of outrages on Chinese in U. S. &c. Note from Yamen stating Viceroy has been ordered to prevent same. Refers to his 109.	4/26

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Charles Denby.	114	Mar. 18	Trade Reports by Imperial Maritime Customs. 4th quarter 1885 transmtd.	4/26
	115	" 24	Money of China. History of. No mint except for copper cash. Little likelihood of establishment of a mint. Fluctuating value of "cash". Memorandum by Secy of Legn.	5/5
	116	" 25	Uniform. States that although entitled to wear a colonel's uniform he shall not do so.	
	—	—	Dinner of diplomatic corps at German Legation. Brilliant uniforms worn.	5/17
	117	" 29	Outbreak against foreigners threatened at Canton. Enc. note from Viceroy to Consul at Canton stating measures taken to prevent same + discussing question of indemnity for Chinese outrages in U.S. The Consul has been directed not to discuss the question	5/17
	118	" 29	Consulates. Inspection of. States he will leave Peking to make his tour Apl. 1. Asks if he has authority to recommend persons for appointment as well as removals	5/17
	119	" 29	Loans to China. Departure of the German syndicate. They failed to make a loan to China. A French syndicate was negotiating at Tientsin. When China borrows money it will probably expend it, unfettered, in improvements, unfledging the rarest riddles.	5/17
	120-122	" 31	Accounts for salary, contingencies + rent enc.	5/17
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 31	Account for salary enc.	5/17
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	Apl 1	Account for salary enc.	5/17
Charles Denby	123	Mar. 31	Outbreak against foreigners threatened at Canton. Enc dispatch from U.S. Con. at, stating means taken to prevent same.	5/17
	124	" 31	Opium traffic by D. A. Emery, an Amer. at Chinkiang. Removal of signs belonging to him by the consul. Emery states he occupies the rooms as the guest of the real tenant. Enc. letter to Consul asking him under the circumstances to return the signs.	5/17
	Tel	Apl. 1	Consulates. Inspection of. "Leave today Tien Tsin."	5/17
	125	" 1	Text of telegrams	5/17
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 12	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	6/9
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 15	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	6/9
	—	" 27	Commission as 2d Secy of Legn. recd. Acknd 26 Jan.	6/9
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 27	Commission as Secy of Legn. on confirmation recd. Acknd Jan 26.	6/9
Charles Denby	126	" 5	39-42 recd.	
	127	" 5	Tea trade in China. Damage to same from competition with tea grown in India. Small increase of exports. Causes adulteration + likin tax. Newspaper articles enc.	6/28
	128-130	" 15	Accounts for salary, contingencies rent (duplicates) enc.	6/28
	131	" 19	43-45 recd.	6/28
	132	" 19	Duties of full value levied on damaged teas exported by J. P. Cowles, Jr. Reduction will be insisted on hereafter for exports as well as imports in accordance with Art. 44 of British treaty. Enc. note to Foreign Office. Acknd 45.	6/28
	Tel	May 2	Outbreak against foreigners threatened at Canton in news of outrages on Chinese in U.S. Viceroy promises to protect Americans as well as possible: He urges indemnity + punishment of criminals. Mr Denby concurs.	
	133	" 14	France + China. Treaty between signed in 25 art rel. to boundary between Tonquin + China.	6/28
	134	" 14	Navy (Chinese) Enc newspaper article rel. to efficiency of the Northern fleet of China, wh. is soon to be inspected by the father of the Emperor. German naval officers are being retired + an Englishman is in command.	6/28
	135	" 17	Tour of Prince Chun, father of the Emperor. He will exchange salutations with the consular corps at Tientsin + inspect the troops, the fleet at Taku + visit Peitang, Port Arthur + Chefoo. Refers to his 134.	7/26
	136	" 17	Outrages upon Chinese in U.S. It is reported that Chester Holcombe, late Secy of Legn has persuaded Li Hung Chang to advise China not to accept the indemnity proposed to be paid by U.S. The Yamen said to be pleased with Pres's message offering indemnity	7/26
	137	" 24	France + China. Enc. commercial convention between. Restriction placed upon trade between Annam + China will prohibit commerce between them.	7/26
	138	" 28	46-55 recd.	7/26
	139	" 29	Customs Gazette of China for Jan-Mar 1886 transmitted	7/26
	140	" 31	Tour of inspection of Prince Chun, father of Emperor. He is much pleased with improvements introduced into the military + naval departments. Li Hung Chang strengthened in his progressive policy. The Prince shows favorable disposition to foreigners. Ill health of the Emperor	7/26
	141	" 31	Obstruction of southern channel of Canton during war between France + China. Consular action + united diplomatic action to secure its removal unsuccessful. Determination of the authorities never to remove the barriers. Negotiations to be continued.	7/26

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Charles Denby.	142	June 2	Dredging of the Woosung bar near Shanghai. The work wh. was interrupted by the Franco-Chinese war in 1884 to be recommenced. Note to Yamen urging its completion. enc.	7/26
	143	" 2	Trade of Canton. Brit. Consul at, thinks the French control of Tonquin will not effect the Canton trade. Enc. printed correspondence from Consul at Canton to Brit. Charge.	7/26
	144	" 5	Trade of Shanghai. Interviews between Brit. Min. & General Chamber of Commerce. He recommends drawback bonds be made equivalent to cash & be payable for duties at open port custom houses. Newspaper report enc.	7/26
	145	" 8	Interviews between Prince Ch'un, father of the Emperor & French Admiral at Chefoo. Newspaper article rel. to enc.	7/26
	146	" 8	Army & Navy of China. Reorganization of on western models to be continued. Enc. decree conferring titles on native & foreign officers engaged in the reorganization.	7/26
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	147	" 11	Sent of telegram	7/26
Charles Denby.	—	" 19	Account for salary enc.	8/4
	148	" 22	56-62 rec'd.	8/4
	149	" 23	Trade (foreign) at the treaty ports of China during 1885. Summary of & comments upon. Enc. Returns of trade for 1885.	8/4
	150	" 30	Numbering of dispatches. Correction of error requested.	8/16
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 25	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	8/16
	—	" 30	Account for salary Enc.	8/16
Chas Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 30	Account for salary enc.	8/16

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Charles Denby, E.E. & M.P.	151	July 5	Account for salary enc.	8/16
			No. despatch numbered 152 was sent. See No. 1073.	
	153-4	" 5	Account for purchase of furniture enc.	8/16
	155	" 5	Marriage of Prest. Cleveland. Enc. note thanking Yamen for its congratulations.	8/16
	156	" 5	Corea & China. Advice of Viceroy Li to king of Corea as to his attitude towards Russia. Enc. newspaper article giving Li's memorial to king of Corea.	8/16
	157	" 5	Protection of foreigners in China by cooperation of naval vessels of foreign squadrons. The system has been kept up although formally ceasing with the peace between France & China. The English naval authorities now repudiate it, refusing to keep a vessel at Hongkong.	8/16
W.W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn	—	" 5	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	8/16
F.D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 5	Account for salary enc.	8/16
Charles Denby E.& M.P.	158	" 7	Accounts for telegrams.	8/28
	159	" 8	Return from his tour of inspection July 3d. Will send in his report	8/28
	160	" 10	Statutes at Large Vols. 22 & 23 received	8/28
	161	" 12	Audience of the Diplomatic Corps with the father of the Emperor. German Ministers request for an interview granted if desired by all the foreign Ministers at Peking but subject to other conditions which destroy its value	8/28
	162	" 13	66-77 received	8/28
	163	" 13	Railroads in China. Steps taken which will enable Americans to control the construction of railways in China. The work to be immediately commenced.	8/28
	164	" 14	Outrages upon Chinese in Idaho and Washington territories. China well pleased at the contents of Depts Nos 67 & 68	8/28
	165	" 14	Legation premises at Peking. Sum of $30.000 proposed to be appropriated is inadequate to purchase lot & erect building. Nothing has been said to him about renewal of lease	8/28
	166	" 15	Outbreak feared at Canton owing to outrages upon Chinese in U.S. Will prepare a full report. Interview with Vice Roy very satisfactory. He promises peace at Canton. He returns Ministers call which never happened before	8/28
	167	" 15	Accession of Emperor to personal power. Decree of Empress Regent announcing same in near future enc. He has been educated in a more progressive school than his predecessors.	9/16
	168	" 15	Swedish & Norwegian acting Con. Genl at Shanghai. Yamen informed as U.S. has been intrusted with Swedish & Norwegian diplomatic representation.	9/16
	169	" 16	Outrages upon Amer. missionaries. Attack upon family of Rev. A.A. Fulton at Kwai Ping & destruction of property. Outrage at Chung King. The authorities refuse to allow the work to proceed. Local representation to be exhausted before appeal to Yamen	9/16
	170	" 16	Opium traffic by Americans in China. Mr. Emery, charged with selling opium at Chinkiang, states the signs seized did not belong to him. Necessity of legislation to enforce the treaty. Instructions to Consuls to prevent Americans from engaging in the opium traffic. Tels 6/22	9/16
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 15	Account for salary (duplicate) enc	9/16
Charles Denby.	171	" 16	Obstructions to navigation in Canton rivers. Further obstructions placed in rivers. Protest of U.S. & Brit. Mins to Yamen enc.	9/16
	172	" 17	Account for contingencies enc.	9/16
	Tel	" 19	Destruction of missionary property at Chungking. Protest filed with Yamen.	9/16
	173	" 19	Destruction of missionary property at Chungking. Missionaries compelled to leave. Enc. note to Yamen asking protection for missionaries.	9/16
	174	" 20	Trade Marks (Amer) in China. Suggests an agreement be made with China to protect same	9/16
	175	" 20	Consulates in China. Inspection of. Report rel. to the condition of trade, &c. &c. Courteous reception of Mr Denby by the officials. Enc. correspondence with Canton Viceroy. Map of obstructions in Canton rivers, extract from report of Con. at Foochow, table of exports from Shanghai, newspaper extract of his visit to Canton.	9/16
	176-177	" 20	Accounts for salary & telegrams (duplicates) enc.	9/16
F.D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 20	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	9/16
Charles Denby.	178	" 22	Accession of the Emperor to personal powers. Empress regent refuses to continue to direct affairs after the Emperors accession. Decree giving date of the accession enc	9/16

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Charles Denby.	179	July 29	78-83 recd.	9/6
	180	" 30	Account for rent enc.	9/6
	181		[No No. 181 sent from Legn. See Legn's 200.]	
	182	" 31	Distruction of missionary property at Chungking. Protestant & catholic missions destroyed utterly by fire. Brit. & French Legns will demand reparation. Asks for instructions. Enc. letter from a missionary giving an account of the affair. note from the Yamen & newspaper extract	9/6
	183	" 31	Accession of Emperor to personal power. Empress Regent agrees to direct the Emperor's action for some years longer. The decision a wise one. Decree of Empress Regent enc.	9/6.
	184	" 31	Tamsui & Tamkang. Recognition of T. G. Garland, as Con. Agt. at, reported.	9/6
	185	" 31	Account for expenses in making tour of inspection of Consulates enc.	9/6
	186	Aug. 2	Account for telegrams enc.	9/6
	187	" 4	Emigration (Chinese) to U. S. Proposed adoption by China, owing to outrages upon Chinese laborers, of measures prohibiting their emigration ~~—— to U. S.~~ & the prevention of the return of laborers who have gone back to China. Arrangement to be made with Brit. govt. to prevent Chinese from emigrating from Hongkong. Note from Yamen enc.	9/23
	188	" 5	Reception of the foreign representatives by Prince Chun, father of the Emperor. It was brought about by German Min. Account of, given.	9/23
	189	" 6	Medical report of Dept. of Chinese Maritime Customs enc.	9/23
	190-191	" 9	Accounts for contingencies & rent (duplicates) enc.	9/23
	192	" 9	Distruction of missionary property at Chungking. Enc. note of thanks to Brit. Min. for kindness of Brit. consuls Bourne, Gregory & Gardner to Amer. missionaries.	9/23
	193	" 10	Account for expenses on tour of inspection of Consulates (duplicate) enc.	9/23
	194	" 10	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc.	9/23
	195	" 10	Hostile sentiment towards Americans by Chinese on account of outrages on Chinese in U. S. Pity the Brit. Legn. favorable to us. Enc. newspaper extract of a speech made by a Chinese merchant at Shanghai.	9/23
	196	" 11	Emigration of Chinese to U. S. Prohibition of, from Hongkong. Note written by Yamen to Brit. Min. rel. to, full of bitter expressions towards U. S. Interviews of Mr. Denby with Brit. Min. Latter promises to show his reply to Mr. Denby. Advantage of the prohibition to U. S.	9/23
	197	" 17	Publications. Requests copies of annual reports of Cabinet officers.	9/6
	Tel	" 17	Emigration of Chinese to U. S. China intends to prohibit same. Brit. govt asked to assist in taking stringent action at Hongkong.	9/18
	198	" 17	Text of telegram.	10/6
	199	" 17	Mining Regulations enacted by the Viceroy of Canton. Summarizes same.	10/6
	200	" 20	Distruction of missionary property at Chungking. Account of the riot enclosed. It shows a good case for damages as the buildings were under the control of the local magistrate. Asks whether the claim shall be presented.	10/6
	201	Sept. 1	Kerosine Trade in China in 1885. Enc. report by Interpreter Cheshire. The demand is increasing	10/27
	202	" 2	Immigration (Chinese) to U. S. Enc. note from Yamen complaining of a bill introduced into Cong. to further prohibit same, & his reply ackg same.	10/27
	203	" 3	86 & 87 recd	10/27
	204	" 3	Account for telegrams enc.	10/27
	205	" 4	Burmah. Convention between Govt. Brit. & China rel. to occupation of by former. Nominal suzerainty of China over Burmah recognized & decennial tribute of Burmese Court to China to be maintained. China agrees to open Thibet to Brit. trade. Agreement not yet signed in London.	10/27
	206	" 6	Claim of Rev. A. A. Fulton for losses by burning of Presbyterian mission by a mob at Kiu Kiang. Viceroy has ordered local magistrate to settle same. Action will not be taken on Dept's 86 unless further instructed. Enc. letter from Con. at Canton & letter of Viceroy.	10/27
	207	" 8	Postal service in China to be extended to all the treaty ports, preparatory to establishing a national post office. China will probably enter postal union. Brit. postal agencies to be abolished	10/27
	208	" 11	Lease of Legn. premises. Draft of new lease enc. with explanations. Memorandum of reasons for repairs suggested. Purchase of the ground recommended as economy. Need of new buildings. Refers	75. 10/14
	209	" 21	Publication. Customs Gazette Statistical series No 2, transmitted.	11/14
	210	" 21	Claims for distruction of missionary property at Chung King presented. It may be necessary for a member of the Legn. to visit Chungking to arrange for new leases &c. Enc. note to Yamen & list of claimants. Refers to Dept's 206.	11/14

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Charles Denby.	211	Sept. 27	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc.	11/15
	212	29	Claims of missionaries for destruction of property by rioters at Chung King. Gamen state that the missionaries built in an improper place & excited the people. Mr. Denby contradicts this. He suggests that indemnity bill for riots in U.S. contain a condition that Chinese be not indemnified unless their claim is paid. Chinese govt. refuse to issue passports for foreigners to visit Chung King. Correspondence with Yamen enc.	11/15
	213	29	Obstructions in Canton River. Efforts of Mr. Denby & Brit. Min. to secure their removal unavailing. A united diplomatic effort will be attempted in the matter. Go acted.	11/15
	214	29	Circ. of July 26 acknd.	11/15
	215	29	88-94 & circ. of July 26 recd. 62 missing.	11/15
	216-217	Oct. 1	Account for salary & rent enc.	11/15
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	1	Account for salary enc.	11/15
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	2	Account for salary enc.	11/23
Charles Denby	218	6	Outrages upon Chinese at Rock Springs, U.S. Enc. note from Yamen complaining of the delay of Cong. in passing the indemnity bill, & Mr. Denby's reply. Refers to his 202.	11/23
	219	6	Newspapers for Legn. designated.	11/23
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	6	Account for salary enc.	11/23
Charles Denby.	220	8	Account for contingencies enc.	11/23
	221	9	Missionaries (American) in China. Discussion of their rights to treaty privilege to reside in interior.	11/23
	222	9	Shanghai. Proposed International Exhibition to be held in 1886 at. Con. Genl has requested Mr. Denby to obtain the cooperation of the Chinese govt.	11/23
	223	11	95-100 & circ. of Aug. 6. recd.	11/23
	224	11	Newspaper clipping. States it is often impossible to send duplicates or triplicates.	11/23
	225	12	Account (supplimental) for expenses in inspecting consulates enc.	11/23
	226	13	France & China. Commercial Convention between. Chamber of Commerce of Hanoi, (Tonquin) protests against some of its provisions as unfavorable to Frenchmen.	11/23
	227	14	Private mercantile interests in China. States that he has never approached the Chinese govt. on the subject. Loss of prestige would not be compensated by whatever success might be attained.	11/23
	228	14	Audience question. Its importance owing to the near approach of the date of Emperor's accession. The social ostracism of foreign officials by the Chinese detracts from the prestige of the Legations. Asks for instructions as to course to be pursued by him. Refers to instructions sent by Dept. in 1872 (Dec. 21)	12/7
	229	16	Claims of Missionaries for destruction of property at Chungking. Chinese authorities at Chungking have desired Mr. Bourne, Brit. Consular Agt. to settle the claims. Brit. Min. has directed Mr. Bourne to compromise the Brit. claims. Amer. missionaries reduce their demand as a compromise 10%. The acceptance of a sum by Chinese authorities does not mean payment. China will probably refuse to pay damages from riots, if Chinese indemnity bill fails in Cong.	12/7
Charles Denby, Jr., 2d Secy of Legn.	—	18	Account for salary enc.	12/7
Charles Denby	230	18	Medical Staff in Chinese Army & Navy. Efforts of Dr. Lucchesi, an Amer, to induce China to organize such a staff results in failure. Hospital established by him at Formosa.	12/7
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	20	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	12/7
Charles Denby.	231	20	Stationery requested.	12/7
	232	28	Extraterritorial Judicial system in China. Mr. Denby makes suggestions as to the establishment of a judiciary in China & the appointment of a judge. The English system should be followed. Great advantages would result.	12/7
	233	28	France & the Catholics in China. The prestige of France owing to the million of Roman catholics under her protection. The appointment of a Papal Nuncio, as contemplated, would allay the jealousy of foreigners & produce good results. France resists what would be a loss of prestige.	12/7
	234	29	Engineering works undertaken by China under foreign engineers. Survey of Yellow River, preparatory to erecting works to prevent freshets captained under a German syndicate. Improvement of docks & harbor at Port Arthur entrusted to French engineers. Further projects.	12/7
	235	30	Outrages against Chinese in U. S. Importance of the passage of the Indemnity Bill by Cong. Asks that he be advised by telegraph of its passage. Withdraws suggestion in his 212 that a proviso shd be made affecting the payment of Amer. claims by China.	12/7

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Charles Denby	236	Nov. 11	Account for furniture purchased by Mr. Denby enc. Refers to Dept's Dec. 22/85.	1/27
	237	" 11	Restoration to Prince Kung of his salary as Prince of 1st Order, of wh. he was deprived. Ex-Grand Secy Pao Yün to receive his salary.	12/27
	238	" 9	Accident to Mr. Denby from fall from his horse. His injuries not serious.	12/27
	239	" 10	104-105 recd.	12/27
	240	" 12	Shanghai Land Regulations. Proposed revision of. Gives a sketch of the history of the regulations of the foreign settlement. Proposed changes. Difficulties in administering justice in petty criminal cases under the present system: suggestions.	1/3
	241	" 15	106 & 107 recd.	1/3
	242	" 17	Floods in the Province of Chihli. Great distress. Rice distributed by Empress	1/3
	243	" 17	Claims of missionaries for property destroyed by mob at Chungking. Chung King authorities offer & missionaries accept 23000 taels in settlement, title to real estate & right to return to Chungking not waived. Enc. correspondence with Brit. Min. & Mr. Jamieson.	1/3
	2444	" 17	Formosa. Its trade, products, condition & military importance. Report on.	1/3
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 19	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	1/3
Charles Denby.	245-248	" 19	Accounts for contingencies, salary, rent & travelling (duplicated) enc.	1/3
	249	" 20	Tonquin & Annam. Circular issued by Paul Bert, the French Resident General, shortly before his death, directing the French officials to conciliate the Chinese.	1/3
	250	" 22	108-111 recd. States that no dispatch No. 81 was sent from Legn.	1/3
	251	" 22	Publication. Chinese Customs Gazette July-Sept. 1886 transmitted.	1/3
	252	" 24	Outbreak against the Chinese govt. in Manchuria. Enc. letter from Con. at Newchwang rel. to.	1/25
	253	" 25	Thanksgiving observances at the Legation.	1/25
	2544	" 27	Accession of the Emperor. Enc. memorial to Empress prescribing the procedure to be observed.	1/25
	255	" 28	Silver. Effect of its decline in the tael value of produce inappreciable. Statistics given.	1/25
	256	" 28	Corea. Dispatch to Mr. Rockhill to act as Chargé ad int at Dept's direction. Enc. direction given Mr. Rockhill & gives text of tels. Instructions as to cipher requested.	1/25
	Tel	" 28	Corea. Legation at "Have read & deal. If wrong repeat. Rockhill leaves at once".	
	257	Dec. 1	Interpreter. Recommends that the title be changed to "Chinese Secretary" & he be graded as a Secy of Legn. The distinction of practical value in China. Refers to his 13 making same request.	1/25
	258	" 1	Burmah. Convention between Govt. Brit. & China rel. to enc.	1/25
	259	" 1	Text of telegram.	1/25
	260	" 2	Tax (Likin) on Formosan sugar. It is really levied on the merchants. Enc. note to Yamen representing the matter to the Yamen & asking its intervention.	1/21
	261	" 2	Consulates in China. Enc. circular to Consuls requesting them to furnish Legn. with a report of current events. Asks Dept's approval.	1/21
	262	" 4	Progress in China. Return of Marquis Tseng, late Chinese Min. to England & Russia. will probably accelerate adoption of European methods.	1/21
	263	" 4	Opium. Storage of, by an American firm. Enc. letter to Con. Gen'l at Shanghai censuring the conduct of Messrs Russell & Co. rel. to. Asks approval by Dept.	1/21
	264	" 6	Chefoo. Brit. Con. temporarily in charge during absence of Con. Platt on account of illness.	1/21
	265	" 6	Outrages upon foreigners in China. Enc. newspaper article holding that the difficulties are owing to outrages upon Chinese in U. S. Refers to his 169.	1/21
	266	" 8	Corea. Rumored satisfaction of Viceroy Li at the retirement of Mr. Foulk from Corea, as he is thought incessantly to have urged on the King the necessity of the independence of Corea. Mr. Denny, Corean adviser, also unpopular for the same reason.	
	—	"	Clerk for Legn. Asks if he may employ one & if Mr. Rockhill's absence is to be protracted.	1/21
	267	" 8	Cathedral (Roman Catholic) Its removal to be effected from its present position near the Palace grounds to another site. The consideration the restoral to the French of the contract to complete the defences of Port Arthur. The Empress delighted & showers rewards on all concerned	1/2
	268	" 8	112-114 & circ. of Oct. 13 recd.	1/21
	269	" 8	Account for telegrams enc.	1/21
	270	" 9	Account for rent enc.	1/21
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 15	Account for salary to Nov. 30. Duties as Chargé at Seoul more onerous & pay smaller than as Secy	1/21
	271	" 16	Paper for printing. Mr. Denby holds that "stationery", wh. is admitted duty free, does not exempt it from duty. Enc. letter to Consul at Foochow.	2/1

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Charles Denby.	272	Dec. 17	Claims of missionaries for destruction of property at Chungking settled. 23000 taels to be paid. The missionaries may return to Chungking but not immediately. Refers to his 243	2/1
	273	" 18	Yamen. Apptmt of Marquis Tseng, late Min. to England & Russia, as a Minister of, reported.	2/12
	274	" 28	Claims of Americans for losses by Chinese mobs. Discusses the question at length & maintains the position that the Imperial Chinese govt. is responsible. States the relation between the local & imperial governments. The Yamen tries to offset, inferentially, claims for Chinese outrages in U. S., unpaid, against Amer. claims vs. China. Inc. letter from Viceroy Li to Consul at Canton rel to claims for losses to missionaries from anti foreign at Kwei Ping (Fulton claim) in 1886. not Tseng Yuen in Aug. 1887.	2/12
	Tel	" 23	Chinkiang "Recommend F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter to Legation should be appointed U. S. Consul at Chinkiang. Answer by telegraph."	
	275	" 25	Chinkiang. Gives reasons for his recommendation of apptmt of F. D. Cheshire as Co. at. Text of Tel.	2/28
	276	" 27	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc.	2/28
	277	" 29	Coinage of a Brit. trade dollar at Hongkong. Ltr proposal. Officials at Hongkong maintain that it would be a failure at this time. Newspaper articles & letters from officials enc.	2/18
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn. F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.		" 31	Account for salary enc.	2/28
		1887 Jan. 3	Account for salary enc.	2/28
		" 3	Account for loss by exchange enc.	2/28
Charles Denby	278	" 3	Account for telegrams enc.	2/28
	279	" 4	Account for salary enc.	2/28
	280	" 6	Account for contingencies for the fourth quarter of 1886. enclosed with vouchers.	3/8
	281	" 6	Tax (Likin) levied on sugar in Formosa & on Kerosene at Canton. For the former tax the Yamen relies on Rule 7 of the Trade Convention of 1858. Officials have been deputized to arrange the matter. The argument in Dept's ltr will be used against the kerosene tax at Canton when notice is used from Consul & protest will be made. Note from Yamen enc. Refers to his 260.	3/7
	282	" 7	Claims of Amer. missionaries for property destroyed by a mob at Chungking. Final settlement reached through Fr. Min. Bourée, the Brit. Con. Agt. suggests acknowl. of his services. Enc. agreement providing 23000 taels indemnity, return of the missionaries, land to be exchanged for former site & permission to build. Refers to 118	3/7
	283	" 7	117 & 118 recd.	3/7
	284	" 8	New Years calls of Chinese officials at Legn. List of officials calling enc.	3/7
	285	" 10	Claims of Americans for damages by mobs in China. Gives clause of French treaty in wh. the liability of Chinese is laid down. Refers to his 274.	3/5
	286	" 10	Camphor trade of Formosa made a govt. monopoly. States that it is a violation of treaty. Desires a naval vessel placed at his disposal to visit Formosa in the Spring	3/7
	287	" 12	Account for rent enc.	3/7
	288	" 12	Railroads. Projects by Americans to introduce same in China. The construction of a railroad by Viceroy Li checked temporarily by opposition of the censors. Two americans expects to be employed to develop the iron mines of China. Necessity of resident agents with plenty of money to secure contracts. Successful methods of the French syndicate	3/7
	289	" 14	Death of ex-Pres't Arthur. Refers to his memory. Refers circ. of Nov. 16.	3/22
	290	" 14	Presents of musical instruments requested of China by New England Conservatory of Music. Mr. Denby questions the propriety of making the request. Enc. letter to the conservatory.	3/8
	291	" 18	Opium. Import & likin duty agreed upon by Govt. Brit. & China. Enc. note from Yamen. Hopes that Cong. has passed legislation to carry out treaty rel. to prohibition of the trade by Americans	3/22
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.		" 20	Account for salary enc.	3/22
		" 29	Account for loss by exchange enc.	3/31
Charles Denby.	292	Feb. 1	119-129 recd.	3/31
	293	" 1	Claims of Amer. missionaries for property destroyed by mob violence at Chungking. The claims were settled before Dept's 274 was recd, but the argument in it may hereafter be serviceable. Refers to his 282.	3/31
	294	" 4	New Years calls of foreign ministers on Chinese officials. Great cordiality.	3/31
	295-297	" 5	Accounts for contingencies, rent & telegrams (duplicates) enc	3/31
	298	" 7	Account for repairs on Legn. premises enc.	3/31
	299	" 8	Obstruction of Wangpu River near Shanghai. Enc. note to Yamen requesting removal of the Woosung Bar. Similar communications will be sent by each foreign representative.	3/31
	300	" 8	Opium traffic in China. Its prohibition by treaty of 1880. Discusses the question & gives proposed draft of a bill to carry the treaty into effect.	4/12

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Charles Denby.	301	Feb 8	Accession of the Emperor Kuang Hsii on Feb. 7. No public ceremonial. The Empress will continue to direct affairs. The reasons for this course. Sketch of Chinese politics.	4/12
	302	9	Immigration (Chinese) Proposed prohibition of by Chinese Govt. States that the object cd. be accomplished by a supplementary treaty without the cooperation of the Brit. govt. wh. he believes the better course. Suggests that negotiations be carried on at Washington. Refers to his	4/12
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	14	Account for loss by exchange (duplicate) enc.	4/12
Charles Denby.	303	14	130-137 encd.	4/12
	304	14	Corea. Attacks upon Adm. Shufeldt & Mr. Foulk by English papers in the East. Govt. Brit. disinc. to maintain the Chinese suzerainty over Corea. Probably surrender of Port Hamilton to Corea	4/12
	305	14	Post Office (Chinese) Proposed establishment of. Opposition of English residents of China to the scheme. Approval by Mr. Denby. Refers to Dept's 136 & Legn's 207.	4/12
	306	15	Japan & China. Difficulty growing out of Nagasaki riots settled. Great jealousy between the two countries, but no immediate danger of complications.	4/12
	307	15	Audience of foreign ministers by the Emperor. The question not broached by the diplomatic body. Separate action by Mr. Denby not deemed advisable. He will try to induce his colleagues to make a joint demand. Refers to Dept's 135.	4/12
	308	17	Tonquin. Its value to France not thought to counterbalance the cost of conquest.	4/12
	309	18	Opium traffic. Enc. additional article to Chefoo Convention, concluded between Gov. Brit. & China rel. to the tax to be imposed upon opium.	4/12
	310	18	Contingent allowance. Necessity for its increase. Refers to Dept's 77.	4/12
	311	18	Claims of Amer. missionaries for property destroyed at Chungking. First installment (of 5000 taels) of the amount agrd on in settlement has been paid by the local authorities	4/12
	312	18	Newspaper attacks upon Mr. Foulk & Adm. Shufeldt for their action in Corea. Clippings enc.	4/12
	313	18	Correspondence between Chinese Minister to U. S. & Mr. Denby. Although partially private Mr. Denby has written it so that it may be read at Peking. Chinese Min. speaks of the discourtesy to him on his landing in San Francisco, Chinese outrages &c.	4/12
	314	18	Library of Legation. Necessity of increasing same. Suggests works to be sent. Secretary of Legn. enc.	4/12
	315	18	138-140 recd.	4/12
	316	22	Accounts. Vouchers with Dept's 140 rec'd signed.	4/12
	317	23	Contingent allowance. Gratification of increase in. Asks if London Bankers shd be notified. 141-143 rec'd.	4/12
	318	23	Obstruction of Woosung River near Shanghai. Enc. note from Yamen stating that they have pressed upon the local authorities the necessity of removing the bar. Refers to his 299.	4/12
	319	24	Passport returns.	4/12
	320	25	Citizenship. Status of Ah Tack, a Chinaman. He claims to have declared his intention to become an Amer citizen. Mr. Denby holds that he is not entitled to protection.	4/12
	321	25	Railroads in China. The proposed line from Tientsin to Taku will probably be built in spite of opposition. Two plans one Chinese & the other American. The latter will probably succeed. Refers to his 288.	4/12
	322	25	Kerosine. Protest by Mr. Denby against the new likin tax levied upon, at Canton. Position of China that taxation of foreign goods once landed is entirely within Chinese control. Contested on the ground that in that way the treaties may be indirectly nullified. Enc. note to Yamen.	4/12
	323	25	Account for loss by exchange enc.	4/12
	324	Mar. 3	Judicial. Statute of limitations. Discusses the power of the minister to make rules of procedure. Difficulty growing out of the absence of a general U. S. statute of limitations. States he considers §§ 82, 83-84 of Court Rules void. Suggests a substitute. Thinks the rules shd be sparingly changed. Thin. shd supply deficiencies in practice & pleading at common law as they appear. The present rules have worked well in practice.	4/12
	325	4	Coinage in China. Account of the introduction of Peking cash & the determination of the Empress to restore the coinage to its purity before the Taiping rebellion. Enc. decree of the Empress censuring the board of revenue for its delay & ordering execution of her orders.	4/12
	326	5	Christians (native) in China. Execution of a leading Christian convert at Chungking. He defended his family against the mob & was executed for killing some of the rioters. The Yamen refused to interfere.	4/29
	327	7	Kerosine. Likin tax on, at Canton. Enc. note from the Yamen asserting the right to levy the additional tax.	4/29

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Charles Denby.	328	Mar. 8	Condition of China. Enc. article by Marquis Tseng: "China, the Sleep & the Awakening." Comments on the article, which contains more to please Chinese national pride than of practical suggestion.	4/29
	329	" 10	144-152 rec'd.	4/29
	330	" 10	Account for furniture enc. Refer to 149.	4/29
	331	" 11	Wharton's International Law Digest. Points out that Chinese cannot be naturalized & refers to right of Asians who have declared their intention to become Amer. citizens to a certain degree of protection.	4/29
	332	" 11	Jurisdiction (appelate) of the Min. to China in cases involving more than $2500. Asks if §4692 R.S. is directory or mandatory.	4/29
	333-334	" 14	Accounts for repairs of Legation, stamp exchange (duplicates) enc.	4/29
	335	" 14	Passport returns (duplicate) enc.	4/29
F.D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 14	Account for loss by exchange (duplicate) enc.	4/29
Charles Denby.	336	" 15	Publications. Customs Gazette, Light House lists & Medical Reports transmitted.	4/29
	337	" 15	Overflowing of the Yellow River in China. Means proposed to prevent same. Vast damage caused by its breaking its banks. Asks that documents rel. to preventing overflows of the Mississippi be sent for presentation to China.	4/29
	338	" 18	Wreck of Amer. schr. Wagner(?) at Tamsui, Formosa. Thanks to Gov. of Formosa for assistance rendered & extended through the Yamen.	4/29
	339	" 19	Accession of Emperor to the Throne. No notice of given to Ministers, or published in Peking Gazette. Enc. manifesto of Emperor published at Shanghai.	5/7
	340	" 21	Condition of China. Enc. a criticism on Marquis Tseng's article: "China, the Sleep & the Awakening" with comments.	5/7
	341	" 23	Anniversary of the 90th Birthday of the Emperor of Germany. Enc. speech of Mr. Denby in proposing the Emperor's health at a dinner at the Germania Club.	5/7
	342	" 24	153 161 & circ. of Jan 14 rec'd.	5/7
	343	" 25	Railway from Tientsin to Taku. Emperor has given his consent to the building of. Rich of Americans for the contract. Contract not yet awarded. Interview with Viceroy Li.	5/7
	344	" 31	Visit of Emperor & Empress to the Western Tombs reported.	5/7
Charles Denby, Jr.	—	" 31	Account for salary enc.	5/7
Charles Denby.	345	Apr. 1	Port. Bat. & China. Enc. agreement rel. to collection of duties on opium.	5/7
F. D. Cheshire Interpreter		" 4	Accounts for salary	5/18
Charles Denby	346-7	" 4	Accounts for salary and rent	5/18
	348	" 5	Railway from Tientsin to Taku. Emperor grants rescript to the memorial of Board of Admiralty authorizing its construction. Contract entrusted to Kaiping Railway Company	5/18
5/12	349	" 5	Opium importation laws of the U.S. Observations on Senator Edmunds report on the bill. Reference to the mode of trying cases of trade in contraband goods. Citation of the rules governing such trials. Foreigners must be tried by their Consuls	5/18.
	350	" 6	Account for contingencies enc.	5/31
	351	" 7	Departure on this date for tour of inspection in Formosa reported	5/18
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn.	—	" 12	Return to his post at Peking from Corea on 9 inst reported. Requests instructions for drawing salary.	5/31
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 14	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	5/31
Chas. Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn.	—	" 15	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	5/31
Charles Denby.	352-353	" 15	Account for salary & rent (duplicates) enc.	5/31
	354	" 19	Railway Co. (Chinese) Enc. prospectus of a newly organized company which is to extend the Kaiping Railway, wh. has been in preparation a year.	6/15
	355	" 21	163-169 & circs of Feb 8, 17 & 23 rec'd.	6/15
J. R. Young, late Minister.	—	" 23	Accounts, advice of draft for balance due him on contingent account	6/9
Charles Denby.	356	" 27	Stationery rec'd. Refers 138.	6/15
	357	" 27	Navigation Company organized to establish steamers on the Upper Yangtze River. Brit. Co. organized. Importance of the trade. Newspaper article enc.	6/15
	358	" 28	Account for contingencies (duplicates) enc.	6/15
	359	May 1	Railway Co. (Chinese). The scheme has fallen through owing to the failure of Chinese merchants to subscribe. They have no confidence in the honesty of a purely Chinese joint stock company	6/27
	360	" 2	Publications. Trade Reports of Treaty Ports enc.	6/27

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Charles Denby.	361	May 10	Intelligence reports of Consulates in China to Legn. He has rescinded the order for their transmission. Index 163.	6/27
	362	" 10	Court (consular) at Newchwang. Suit brought in which persons of different nationalities are parties. Proposal to hold a court of consuls at Shanghai legally possible. Instructions of Mr. Denby to V. Con. submitted for Dept's approval.	6/27
	363	" 10	Passport applications. Blanks have been sent to Consuls to be filled out + sent to Legn. No change in the forms thought necessary. A further supply of blanks requested. Refers to circ. of Feb. 23.	6/27
	364	" 14	Consulates. Inspection of. Reports trip to Shanghai + Chefoo.	
	—	—	Jurisdiction (appellate) of Min. to China. Instructions requested. Refers to case at Shanghai. Refers to his 326	
	—	—	Shanghai. Recommends appoint of V. Con. Genl with salary. Commends Con. Genl.	
	—	—	Formosa. Resolves not to visit that island on account of the expense. Trouble with Adm. rel. to a naval vessel to convey him to Formosa. Enc. letter to Adm. Chandler.	
	—	—	Missionaries. Efforts of, to locate in Shantung. Mr. Denby persuades them to move slowly until the good will of the native authorities.	
	—	—	Commercial. Interview with Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai. Newspaper report of. Enc.	6/27
	365	" 14	Account for expenses in tour of inspection to Shanghai &c.	6/27
	366	" 14	Opium traffic in China. Law passed by Cong. to prevent Americans from engaging in. Objections of Chinese Min. to. Recommends that Consuls be instructed to take no action in rem, but only in personam. Refers to Depts 177.	6/27
	367	" 16	Kerosine oil. Lekin tax on, collected at Hongkong on oil shipped to Canton. Anomaly in allowing the collection of the tax within British jurisdiction. No favorable action to be obtained from Brit. Legn. in China.	6/27
	368	" 17	Trade of China for 1886. Summary of the Trade Report with his 360.	6/27
	369	" 17	Newspapers requested.	6/27
	370	" 18	Penal Code of China. General observations rel. to. It does not transact the abandonment of extraterritorial jurisdiction.	7/5
	371	" 19	Coinage &c. in China. Information given in reply to circ. of Jan 14.	6/27
	372	" 23	Guilds + trade Unions in China. Account of given + Journal of Royal Asiatic Society containing an article on, enc.	7/5
	373	" 23	Civil law of China. There is no code governing civil actions. Gives an account of the prevailing system.	7/5
	374	" 24	Account for tour of inspection to Shanghai (duplicate) enc.	7/5
	375	" 25	Libel suit of Adm. Shuffeldt against the 'Shanghai Courier' for articles published rel. to Corea. Mistake in bringing such suits. Publication by 'Chinese Times' of a letter of Adm. Shuffeldt to Hon. D.O. Sargent, Minister of China, its inhabitants + people. Danger in such articles in causing irritation. Appeals to force denounced. Good relations between China + U.S. Refers to his 312.	7/5
	376	" 30	178-191 + circs. of Apr. 9 + 15 recd.	7/14
	377	" 30	Circ. of Apr. 15 recd.	7/14
	378	" 31	Portugal + China. Protocol signed between ceding Macao to Portugal + arranging the Opium traffic	
	—	—	Lekin. Macao, by the protocol, becomes a Lekin station of China as well as Hongkong.	7/14
	379	" 31	Fees of consular courts in China. So far as Min. is concerned the matter of little importance as appeals are very infrequent. The question practically affects Con. Genl only. Suggests that the particular fees to be accounted for shd. be specified. Ins acked.	7/18
	380	June 3	Railroads in China. Railroads to be built between Taku + Tientsin, in the Palace grounds + in Formosa. Enc. proclamation of the Viceroy rel. to Taku-Tientsin R.R. The Amer. system considered the best for China.	7/25
	381	" 6	Passport applications of missionaries in interior. Suggests a modification of the rule requiring oath to be taken before a Consular officer when the applicant resides at a great distance. Refers to circ. of Feb. 23.	7/25
	382	" 8	Marriage of the Emperor. Decree of the Empress rel. to + enjoining economy in display.	7/25
	383	" 10	Revenue + expenditures of China. Report upon. Reply to circ. of Apr. 9	7/25
	384	" 10	Progress in China. Creation of a travelling mission to prepare officials for their duties by observing foreign customs. Introduction of mathematics, physics, engineering, history + international law into examinations for the civil service.	7/25
	385	" 13	Kerosine. New Lekin tax levied upon at Canton. Enc. note from Yamen embodying a report from Viceroy at Canton stating that the tax is not excessive. Nothing further can be done by Legn. Refers to his 322	7/25

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Charles Denby	386	Jun. 13	192 acknd.	7/25
	387	" 14	193-197 recd.	7/25
	388	" 17	Emigration (Chinese) to U. S. A return certificate has been granted a native preacher. He resided at San Francisco until Feb. 5, 1880. Enc. note from Yamen.	8/1
	389	" 20	Judgment of Mr. Denby in Barker vs. Smith et al., appealed from Consular Court at Newchwang, enc. Refers to his 162.	8/1
	390	" 21	Railroads in China. Contract made to build a line in Formosa. Difficulties in building the Taku-Tientsin line, owing to clumsy native management.	8/1
	391	" 21	Franco-Chinese Tonquin frontier. Treaty settling same has been signed.	8/1
	392	" 22	Trade development in China. Ignorance of Amer. manufacturers of the needs of remote markets. Advantage of exhibitions for informing home producers.	8/1
	393	" 22	Celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee at Peking. Account of given.	8/1
	394	" 26	Educational reforms in China. Enc. memorial to the Throne advising the sending of officials to study abroad & the introduction of mathematics & western sciences into the competitive examinations.	8/1
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter. Charles Denby	—	July 1	Account for salary enc.	8/10
	395	June 30	Diplomatic service of China. Changes in, reported.	8/25
	396-397	July 1	Accounts for rent & salary enc.	7/25
	398	" 1	Court (Consular) Rules. Mr. Denby is opposed to any changes in the present rules. Enc. letter to Con. Genl at Shanghai rel. to.	8/25
	399	" 4	Formosa. Difficulty in subduing the aboriginal savages. Success of the Chinese govern.	8/25
	400	" 4	Soldiery of China. Account of the Chinese soldier; his character & habits bad.	8/25
Chas. Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn Chas. Denby.	—	" 5	Account for salary enc.	8/25
	401	" 5	Topography & agriculture of the Upper Yangtze River. Extract of a report of Rev. F. C. Hart. A great opportunity for Amer. commercial enterprise.	8/25
	402	" 6	Account for contingencies enc.	8/25
	403	" 7	Account for rent. Exchange vouchers omitted in his 397, enc.	8/25
	404	" 8	Account for loss by exchange enc.	8/25
	405	" 11	201-204 & circs. of May 10 & 23 recd.	8/25
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter. Charles Denby.	—	" 12	Account for loss by exchange enc.	8/25
	406	" 14	Trade Returns of China for 1886 transmitted.	8/25
	407	" 15	Furniture for Legn. designates needed articles. 203 acknd.	8/25
Charles Denby, Jr. 2d Secy of Legn W. W. Rockhill Sect. of Leg.	—	" 15	Account for salary (duplicate) enc.	8/25
	—	" 14	Account for salary	9/3
	—	" 15	Account for loss by exchange. Two despatches	9/3
Charles Denby	408	" 16	Travel and observation of Chinese in foreign countries. Refers to his No. 364 and encloses a list of Chinese designated by the government to go abroad	9/3
	409	" 16	Accounts for telegrams	9/3
	410	" 18	Account for repairs	9/3
	411	" 19	Military encampment at Chicago. China has been invited to participate	9/3
	412	" 22	France & China. Commercial treaty bet. of June 26. 1887. Text enclosed	9/3
	413	" 22	Telephone concession granted by Li Hung Chang to an Am.-chinese Co. in all the treaty ports	9/3
	414	" 22	Passport returns	9/3
	415	" 23	Pension system of China. Full report on	9/3
	416	" 24	Army of China. Pay of the officers & men. The Yamen unable to furnish information. Will have the Interpreter make up a statement which will be forwarded	9/3
	417-420	" 26	Account. Salary &c.	9/3
	421	" 27	Military encampment at Chicago. China unable to send a representation	9/3
	422	" 29	Kerosene oil. Lekin tax at Canton has been reduced from $1.30 to .50 per case	9/3
F. D. Cheshire Interpreter W. W. Rockhill Asst. S. of Leg. Charles Denby.	—	" 29	Accounts	9/3
	—	" 29	Accounts for expenses to Corea	9/3
	423	Aug. 3	Account for telegrams (duplicate) enc.	9/19
	424	" 3	Passport returns (duplicate) enc.	9/19
	425	" 2	Corea. Withdrawal of Foreign Foulk as naval attaché to. States he did not advise Mr. Foulk's withdrawal as stated by Chinese Chargé. Ackgs 208.	9/19
9/25	426	" 3	Syndicate (Philadelphia) Concessions secured by, to operate telephones, banks & regulate railroad & other govt. contracts in China. Mr. Denby's influence has not been sought.	9/19

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Charles Denby.	427	Aug. 5	Syndicate (Philadelphia) Enc. newspaper comment upon its objects. The English press hostile to an American enterprise.	9/19
	428	" 6	Library of Legn. Thanks for additions to. Asks authority to purchase the "Dynastic Institutes".	9/19
	429	" 6	Shanghai Land Regulations. Dean of Diplomatic corps desires to take no further action in the revision. His reasons given. Mr. Denby thinks the Diplomatic body should transmit the revision to the municipal council. Instructions requested. Enc. letter from Dean of Dip. corps at Shanghai & Mr. Denby to Dean of Dip. corps. Refers to Legn's 240.	9/19
	430	" 6	Syndicate (Philadelphia). Newspaper clippings rel. to enc.	9/19
	431	" 6	205, 206 & 208 recd.	9/19
	432	" 9	Syndicate (Phila.) Newspaper clippings rel. to enc.	9/19
	433	" 10	Syndicate (Phila) Probable success of the undertaking. Observations rel. to.	9/19
			No despatch numbered 434 was sent. See No 1073.	
	435	" 11	Economy in China. The Empress orders the rebuilding of the summer palace to be stopped.	9/19
	436	" 11	Political. Selection of a consort & secondary wives for the Emperor.	9/19
	437	" 12	Planks (soft wood) Duty on, altered by China from 7 mace per 1000 sq. ft. to an ad valorem tax of 5%. Mr. Denby has protested against this alteration. Enc. correspondence with the Yamen. Refers to Legn's Feb. 2, 1883.	10/6
	438	" 15	207, 210, 212, 214, & 216 recd.	10/6
	439	" 15	Kerosine. Reduction of Lekin tax at Canton to 50 cents per box. Gives summary of the proclamation of the Comr of the Head Lekin Office, gives reasons for the reduction.	10/6
	440	" 13	Syndicate (Philadelphia) Views of leading newspapers in China rel. to. Mr. Denby believes the contracts will be sustained by China. Enc. memorial of Viceroy of Canton rel. to a mint	10/6
	441	" 16	Mint at Canton. Viceroy at Canton memorializes the Throne to permit him to coin silver dollars. Sanction withheld. Enc. newspaper print of the memorial.	10/6
	442	" 17	Publications. Requests missing Consular reports.	10/6
	443	" 26	Travel & observation of Chinese officials in foreign countries. Gives list of officials to be sent abroad. Hopes those sent to U. S. will be courteously received. Refers to his 406.	10/5
	444	Sept. 1	218 recd.	10/10
	445	" 7	Ward Estate claims vs China. Review of facts and gives his opinion as to the law & recommends that the claim be not presented	9/2
	446	" 8	Legation premises. Claim of the Minister to occupy rooms built by Mr. Rockhill as an addition to the Minister's house. Mr. Rockhill lays claim to them. Asks the Dept. to decide the question.	10/24
	447	" 8	Corean trade. Enc. newspaper extract with comments on	11/1
	448	" 8	Pension laws of China. Refers to his No 416 for report on	11/1
	449	" 8	Library of Legation. States that he has received 77 volumes	11/1
	450	" 8	Discriminating duty (tonnage & port dues) Proposed reciprocal abolition of. Will present the subject of circular of July 9, 1887 to the Chinese govt.	11/1
	451	" 9	Railway across Liberia. Necessity for China to construct railways discussed in connection with the plans of the Philadelphia syndicate	11/1
W. W. Rockhill	~	" 11	Leave for 60 days to visit the U. S. and be absent March 1st requested	11/1
Charles Denby	452	" 15	221 & 223 recd.	
	453	" 15	Discriminating duty (tonnage & port dues) Proposed reciprocal abolition of. States that there is no discrimination against vessels of U. S. in Chinese waters	11/1
	454	" 16	Opium traffic. Enc. circular to consuls concerning the enforcement of the act of March 3 relating to importation of opium into U. S.	11/1
	455	" 17	Inspection of Consulates. Requests permission to make same in the spring. Reasons	11/11
	456	" 19	Legation premises. Claim of Minister to occupy rooms built by Mr Rockhill. Refers to his 446 and enc. correspondence on the subject with Mr Rockhill	11/1
	457	" 21	Army Pay and allowances of Chinese troops. Report on	11/11
	458	" 21	Discriminating duties (tonnage & port dues) Proposed reciprocal abolition of. Enc note from Sir Hh declining to cooperate with the U. S.	11/11
	459	" 21	Finances of China. Efforts to establish a budget	11/11
	460	" 21	Emigration act of 1884. Shows how impossible it is to carry out its provisions	11/11
	461	" 22	Syndicate (Philadelphia). Concession of China to. Interview with the Tsungli Yamen. The Minister defends the U. S. against unfounded attacks growing out of the transactions of the Viceroy of Tientsin in granting the concession	11/25

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Charles Denby		462	Sept 29	Mission of two Chinese officials Tsu Yun Tsung and Yu Hon Kun to visit the U.S. in the spring for the purpose of studying the country, people, particularly the art, science, etc. Suggests that their landing at San Francisco be facilitated	
		†463	†. 29	Corean Minister to the U.S. the Yamên has notified the King that the Minister shall be treated as representing a power vassal to China and their credentials must be presented by the Envoy of China. Learning of this orders the Corean Minister resigned. Call attention to an article in the London Times of Sept 8 showing the vacillation of China in her treatment of Corea	11/25
		†464	†. 29	Claim of Am. Missionaries for property destroyed at Chiungking. Third installment paid. 4th disputed	11/25
T. L. Cheshire	Interpreter	—	Oct 3	Accounts. (Two despatches)	11/25
Charles Denby		465.466	" 3	Accounts (Two despatches)	11/25
		467	" 3	Military escort to the Legation. Minister is of opinion that it would serve no good purpose	11/25
		†468	†. 3	Syndicate (Philadelphia). The Govt. refuses to ratify the agreement made by the Viceroy of Tientsin to establish a Chinese-Am. Bank in China. The Viceroy will establish a bank at Tientsin	11/25
		469	" 5	Marriage of the Emperor 8.500.000 taels ordered to be raised for the ceremonies	11/25
		†470	†. 6	Telegraph System of China. An account of the proposed new arrangement which will consolidate all the companies now operating in China. The representatives are seeking a ratification of the agreement by the Imperial Government	11/25
		471	" 6	Accounts. Contingent expenses	11/25
		472	" 6	Correspondence between Ministers & Consuls. Suggests that forms of address and conclusion of despatches be established	11/25
		473	" 7	Passport returns	11/25
		474	" 7	Passport fees. received. Suggests that the sums received be credited to Contingent account instead of being sent to Department and a similar sum be remitted to China thereby involving a loss by exchange	11/25
		†475	†. 7	Planks (soft wood) Duty on, altered by China so as to impose a duty of 5% ad valorem on planks over or under 1 inch in thickness but those of 1 inch to remain 7 mace per 100 sq. ft. Correspondence with the Yamên enclosed. Minister willing to submit to his Govt any equitable plan for the collection of duty	11/25
		†476	†. 7	Corean Ministers to the U.S. Have expressed to China surprise & regret that China obstructed Corea in sending Ministers to U.S. in accordance with telegraph instructions of 6th	11/25
		477	" 10	Accounts. Rent	11/25
		†478	†. 10	Missionary trouble at Kwai Ping. Presbyterian Missionaries prevented from establishing a mission by mob violence. Consul will present a claim for damages. Minister does not think under treaty missions can be established in interior unless other nations have that privilege	11/25
		479	" 11	Carolines Islands. Destruction of the Spanish settlement at Ponape reported	11/25
		480	. 11	Railroad across Siberia. Arrival of Russian Engineers at Hongkong. Contracts have been made	11/25
		481	. 12	Passport applications from persons remote from a Consular office. Circulars giving instructions and form of certificate enclosed	12/3
		482	" 13	Suzerainty of China over adjoining countries. Is claimed over Nepaul & Corea	12/3
		†483	†. 18	Syndicate (Philadelphia) Count Mickiewicz' statement in N.Y. Herald that he had no aid from U.S. Consul believed to be untrue. He did not communicate with Legation, but after his departure Legation did every thing possible to avert unfavorable results	12/3
		484	. 18	226 acres.	
		†485	†. 19	Corea. English-Chinese papers condemn sending of foreign ministers by. It is claimed that the matter was suggested by Am. & Russian ministers to secure independence of Corea & thereby menace British trade. It is assumed that China will consent to ministers being sent abroad by Corea on condition that they be received as representatives of a State Vassal to China. Yamên has taken no notice of protest agst. Chinese obstruction to sending minister to U.S.	12/3
		486	" 19	Chinese-American bank. Encloses clipping from North China News purporting to be charter of Bank	12/3
		487	" 20	Macao. Portuguese minister has been endeavoring to make a treaty accurately defining political limits of Ataipuim convention. consent of Macao to collection of duty was necessary to prevent smuggling. Strengthened Imperial Govt. & Portugal expected to gain absolute recognition of her title. Remarks on uncertainty in doing business with Yamên.	12/3
		†488	†. 20	Planks (soft wood) duty on. Encloses copy Communication of Yamên saying they had decided upon a plan. Hope the minister will cooperate with them	12/3
		—	. 20	Accounts	12/12
		489	. 24	Accounts	12/12

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Charles denby	491	Oct 24	227, 228, 230 recd	12/12
W.W. Rockhill, Secy. Legn.	—	" 25	Accounts	12/12
Charles denby	492	" 25	Claims of Amn citizens agt. China for damages done at Canton. Consul Seymour reports that Viceroy denies any liability under treaties. Claims have been sent to Legn for presentation. Asks instructions to go to Canton to prosecute claims. Sends list of the claimants & their amts.	12/12
	493	" 25	Accounts. Rent of Legn	12/12
	494	" 25	Accounts. Loss by exchange	12/12
	495	" 25	Passports. Duplicate returns transmitted	12/12
	496	" 26	Overflow of Yellow Riv. The devastation it is feared will be great	12/12
	497	" 26	Homicides by insane persons. How China deals with such cases	12/12
	498	" 26	Trade at Ningpo during past year. Condition of & causes of decline	12/12
	499	" 26	Bonded warehouse system. Adoption of by China	12/12
Tel		" 26	Corea. China claims Corea tributary. King memorializes U.S. Japan China takes unauthorized action treaty provides	
	500	" 27	Obstructions to Canton Riv. at Whampoa. Copy of letter of Yamên relative to subj. Mr. Denby objects to such obstructions	12/12
	501	" 27	Corea. Minister for Corea to U.S. Encl copy of letter of Yamên saying Corea is tributary to China & must first ask a decree fr. China	12/12
	502	Nov. 1	Memorial to King of Corea. Clipping containing by Hsi Yung Ch'ih fr. Chinese Times" Trans" encl.	12/12
	503	" 4	Accounts. Telegrams	12/12
	504	" 3	Dfts Nos. 220, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235 recd. 229 missing	12/12
	505	" 3	Shanghai land regulations. Has found it impossible to induce his colleagues to consent to transmit version to Municipal Council	12/12
	506	" 4	Marble Monument north of Peking. Photograph transmitted	12/12
	507	" 7	Night watchman & west gate rioters. Has employed one & requests authority for so doing	12/12
	508	" 11	Accounts. Telegrams. Transmitted	12/22 Nov
	509	" 11	Monetary & banking system of China. Account of	1/4
	510	" 12	Lunatics & their treatment by Consuls & Consular Courts in China. Cites case of Griffith who became insane. Transportation &c &c will be provided. Gives his views on treatment of subject	1/4
	511	" 12	Study of Chinese. Observations on its difficulties	1/4
	512	" 15	Governorship of French Indo-Chinese possessions. Has been offered to M. Constans formerly E.E. Min. at Peking. Not known if he will accept	1/4
	513	" 16	Phonophone. Clipping fr. Chinese Times sent showing results of experiments with & thereon	1/4
	514	" 22	Overflows of Yellow River. Account of locality & effect of & map transmitted	1/4
	515	" 26	Thanksgiving Day. Celebration at the Legation	1/16
	516	" 30	Dfts. Nos. 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242 recd. 229 not recd.	1/16
	517	Dec. 1	Affairs in China. Condition of & opportunities offered to foreigners	1/16
	518	" 3	Accounts. purchase of furniture	1/16
	519	" 5	Consular courts. Jurisdiction of Consuls. Interpreter at Hankow having been sued Cons. Genl. was asked to try the case. Permission refused on ground that Cons. Genl. could not try a case outside of his district	1/21
	520	" 7	Tea trade. decline of in China. Transmits report of Foochow Chamber of Commerce showing causes to be bad planting, adulterating & excessive duties.	1/13
	521	" 9	Corea. Her relations as a state dependent upon China discussed. Sends copy of memorial of King of Corea asking if he may send ministers.	2/3
	522	" 12	Corea. Makes change in text of memorial	2/3
	523	" 12	Treaty bet. China & Portugal has been concluded. It provides for opium traffic & settles questions of boundary.	2/3
	524	" 13	Accounts. Furniture	2/3
	525	" 13	Nos. 243 - 246 incl. recd. Also circular Oct 24	2/9
	526	" 14	Mail (Minister) service in China. Gives an interesting acct. of how mail is brot to Peking	2/9
	527	" 15	Consular Courts - Fees of in China. Will submit a revision thereof in compliance with Dft. No. 243. Fees rules & tariff to be formulated will undertake to work if so directed.	2/9
	528	" 17	Seizure of property of foreign merchants by Likin officials. Dft. No. 244 recd. Matter arranged. Agrees with Dft. as to impropriety of consuls language	2/9
	529	" 20	Missionary troubles at Chi nan fu last Sept, Oct, & Nov. Grew out of the missionaries endeavoring to obtain perpetual lease of land, but lease was declared off. Mr. Reid in charge of mission was ordered & order rescinded. Mr. Reid's instructions on receipt	2/24

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				1888
Charles Denby	530	Dec 24	Index to Legn. Archives. Asks if he may employ a clerk to have it prepared	2/24
	✓531 ✓	" 26	Civil service of China. Account of the method of appointment	2/24
	✓532 ✓	" 27	Corea. Encl. clipping fr. Shih Pao, Chinese paper, showing China should take control of Corea	2/24
	✓533 ✓	" 28	Missionary troubles at Chi nan fu. Supplementary to his no 529, encl. reply to Legn. fr. the Yamen, saying the matter will be investigated.	2/24
W. W. Rockhill	—	1888 Jany 1	Accounts. Salary & loss by exchange (2 Drfts)	2/3
Charles Denby	534	" 4	Accounts. Salary.	2/3
	535	" 4	Visit. Several high officials called on him on New Years — &c.	2/3
	536	" 4	Accounts. Rent of Legn.	3/3
	537	" 6	Passport returns for 4th quart. 1887	3/3
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 6	Accounts. Salary.	3/3
Charles Denby	✓538 ✓	" 7	Missionaries driven away from Kiai Ping. Calls attention to his no. 492 & asks reply thereto. Claims are always settled by the local authorities	3/3
	539	" 7	Opium traffic. Encl. copy circular sent to consuls in lieu of his former circular in accordance with Drft's no 249.	3/3
	540	" 7	No. 247-252 incl. recd.	3/3
	✓541 ✓	" 10	Coolies (Chinese) for Panama Canal. Govt refuses to allow them to go. French Govt has transported a lot from Hanoi in Tonquin.	3/3
	✓542 ✓	" 10	Corea. Will maintain her independence so far as treaty with U.S. goes.	3/3
	543	" 11	Passports. Seven applications encl.	3/3
	544	" 12	Petroleum (Russian). It has been introduced into Calcutta & a company has been started for its introduction into ports of China & Japan.	3/3
	✓546½ ✓	" 12	Bonded Warehouses. Protest of Shanghai Chamber of Commerce agt Imperial Decree.	2/3
	546	" 14	Accounts. Exchange	3/3
	547	" 16	Ports. Open in China. Where they are.	2/3
	✓548 ✓	" 17	Bonded warehouses. Regulations of furnished.	3/17
	549	" 19	Accounts. Contingent	3/17
	550	" 19	Meeting of diplomatic corps. Question of camphor monopoly &c &c discussed. Agreed to send communications similar to each other in tenor to Yamen	3/17
	✓551 ✓	" 21	Corea. Sends copy letter from King of to Viceroy Chang, saying Corean ministers will be charged for Charges after they have presented credentials & will conduct themselves as dependents to Chinese	3/17
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 26	Accounts. Exchange.	3/17
Charles Denby	✓552 ✓	" 26	Plants (soft wood) Tariff on. Sends copy communication to Yamen objecting to change from specific to ad valorem duty.	3/17
	✓553 ✓	" 26	Canton River. Obstructions in. Communication (copy) to Yamen enclosed showing that necessity for them having disappeared they should be removed.	3/17
	✓548 ✓	" 26	Drawback certificates on Yangtze Kiang Ad. Sends copy note to Yamen saying same should be modified	3/17
	✓555 ✓	" 26	Camphor monopoly in Formosa. Copy note to Yamen asking it be broken up	3/17
	✓556 ✓	" 26	Likin in Formosa. Copy note to Yamen protesting against it	3/17
	557	" 26	Tea trade. Decline of. Refers to his No. 520. Report of Experts shows decrease & recommends that Chinese be sent to Ceylon & India to learn methods of cultivating & curing. &c	3/17
	558	" 26	Trade (Chinese) during past year has increased. Long report on its condition &c	3/17
	559	" 27	Accounts. Duplicate salary.	3/17
	560	" 27	Accounts. Rent	3/17
	561	" 27	No. 253-263 incl. recd. Also circ. Nov. 21, 87.	3/24
	562	" 27	Passport fees. Drft 261 recd & directions followed.	3/24
	—	" 28	Accounts. Exchange.	3/24
	—	" 28	Accounts. Salary.	3/24
	563	Feb 2	Accounts. Telegrams.	3/24
	564	" 6	No. 264-273 incl. recd & copy of 229.	3/24
	565	" 8	Accounts. Repairs of Legn.	3/24
	566	" 9	Accounts. Duplicate contingent for 4th quart 87.	4/7
	567	" 9	Missions Protestant in China &c 87. Statistics given.	4/7

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FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE 1888	SUBJECT.	DATE OF RECEIPT.
Charles Denby	268	Feb 9	Legation furnishes Reply to Dft. No 266 relative assistance of Dft at in supposing to two rooms built by Mr Cockell adjoining guest house. Encl. plans. Refers attachment may be required without leaving room any portion of the house	4/7
	569	" 13	Extradition of fugitives from justice Encl. Proclamation relative to probable occasion on the arrest near Kong Kong at Chinese town of a fugitive	4/7
	570	" 14	Telephone Asks permission to subscribe for same	4/7
	571	" 15	Planks (raft wood) duty on. Standard of one inch in thickness has been adopted Encl. letter of Yamen Does not know what action the diplomatic body will take	4/7
	572	" 15	Likin on goods brought into treaty ports in Formosa. Encl. copy note of Yamen defending same Foreign ministers insist that provincial authorities should collect likin in the interior	4/21
	573	" 20	Nos 274 & 275 Recd	4/21
	574	" 20	New Years calls. Question of etiquette. Shall Yamen send cards to Legs & interpreter? Diplomatic corps think they should but they fail to do so	4/21
	575	" 21	Accounts Telegrams	4/21
	576	" 21	Accounts Reports	4/21
	577	" 21	Camphor monopoly in Formosa. Encl. note fr. Yamen saying camphor may not be bought in places nor exports. Response considered unsatisfactory. There will be further correspondence on the subject	4/21
	578	" 24	Slavery in China Gives history & description of	4/21
	579	" 25	Government of China Long account of by Mr Cheshire, the interpreter.	4/21
	580	" 25	New Years calls. on Chinese New Year diplomatic corps without interpreter called on Yamen. Russian Legn not present. Question of etiquette.	4/21
	581	" 28	Overflow of Yellow River Describes country inundated & sends map. Over 100,000 persons rendered homeless Aid sent by the Govt	4/21
	582	Mar. 1	Stationery & flags for Legn. requested	4/21
	583	" 1	Consulates (Chinese) proposed for British, Dutch & Spanish Colonies. Encl. copy memorial asking for same.	4/21
	584	" 7	Eunuchs in China. Long account of them.	4/21
	585	" 7	Smuggling of arms into port of Newchwang by foreign sailors. Attention has been called of Legn. to practice. Will cooperate to prevent it	4/21
	586	" 10	Kerosene Sends memorial from Viceroy & Gov Canton to Yamen asking that the importation of be prohibited. Mr Denby does not think he will notice it	5/5
	587	" 10	Gas (natural) in China. Gives an account of	4/20
	588	" 13	Nos 277. 280 incl. recd.	4/20
	589	" 15	Death of Emperor of Germany. Ceremonies in China when it was announced	4/20
	590	" 17	Movements of Court. During summer he will move to his pleasure grounds	5/5
	591	" 19	Drawbacks on the Yangtze Yamen have ordered relief of present unsatisfactory system	5/5
	592	" 19	Camphor monopoly in Formosa. Yamen desires further time for consideration of subject. Meantime rules adopted in 1869 (Disp. 39 Mar 17, 69. Dft.) Remain in force	5/5
	593	" 19	Likin on native produce, property of foreigners. Gov Formosa instructed to cease the exaction of same	5/5
	594	" 19	Pearl River. Obstructions in. Yamen has refused to order removal of	5/5
	595	" 19	Land tenure of foreigners in China. Sends copy of communication by himself on the subject. Foreigners have no treaty right to own land in the interior, but are permitted often to do so. When so permitted their rights must be respected & maintained	5/5
	596	" 20	Guilds (Chinese) Sends program of establishment of a Kiangan Guild at Tientsin	5/15
	597	" 21	Coinage, &c. China. Reports on	5/0
	598	" 21	Railroads &c China. There are no publications on the subject.	5/5
	599	" 21	No. 281 & circs. 24 & 26 Jany. recd.	5/5
	600	" 21	Kerosene handling of in China. Encloses copy letter fr him to Managers of Pootung wharf & Godown company on subject	5/5
	601	" 26	Books. Cannot procure copy "Mayers treaties" Has caused "Chronicle & Directory of China & Japan", a more useful book to be sent	5/15
	602	" 27	Drawback certificates. Encl. copy note fr. Yamen showing they will be received in payment of duties in Customs where they were issued Thinks this will be acted on to avoid embarrassment & difficulty Refers to his no 576	6/5

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Charles Denby	603	Mar. 27	Mines (Gold) along the Nio Lo valley near Amur Riv. Encl. memorial on subject recommending that Govt. take control. Comments American engineer	5/5
	604	" 28	tonnage. Confusion in cash now issued. Encl. decree relative to Standard cash.	5/5
	605	" 28	Empress dowager. Decree fixing her residence.	5/5
	606	" 29	Earthquakes & Volcanic phenomena. An account of one which has occurred in Southern province.	5/5
W. W. Rockhill, Secy. Legn Chas. Denby	~	" 31	Accounts. Quarterly.	5/5
	607	" 31	Likin on Kerosene oil. Will shortly have interview on subject. Thinks Tsungli will instruct tax against foreign goods contrary to Spirit of treaty	5/31
F. D. Cherbire, Interpreter Chas. Denby	~	Apl. 2	Accounts. Salary.	5/31
	608	" 2	Accounts. Salary.	5/31
	609	" 2	Passport returns for 1st quart. 1888.	5/31
	610	" 2	Leave. Her Rockhill left this day for U.S. via Shanghai & Europe.	5/31
	611	" 3	Nos 282-288 incl. rec'd.	5/31
	612	" 3	Legation premises. Urges necessity of a chancery & sets forth inconvenience & insufficiency of present accommodations.	5/31
	613	" 3	Court fees charged in settling estates of Americans by Cons Genls. Refers to Dispts. no. 287 will cooperate with Mr. Hubbard with a view of obtaining uniformity. Suggests doing away with authority of Consuls in this matter.	5/31
	614	" 4	Accounts. Contingent expenses.	5/31
	615-616	" 4&5	Accounts. Rent of Legn & Loss by exchange.	5/31
	617	" 5	Temple of Heaven. An account of annual offering of sacrifice by the Emperor at. Most solemn ceremonial in China.	5/31
	618	" 7	Audience with Emperor. He is about to assume full control of Govt. & occasion may be used to demand audience. Several representatives have asserted that if same be not granted, the privilege of audience to China's representatives will be withdrawn by European powers. Mr. Denby will suggest this possibility to Chinese Minister to U.S.	5/31
	619	" 11	Observatory at Peking. Transmits account of by Prof. Russell	5/31
	620	" 11	Railways. Movement to construct same.	5/31
F. D. Cherbire, Interpreter Chas. Denby	~	" 12	Accounts. Loss by exchange.	6/4
	~	" 13	Accounts. Salary.	6/4
	621	" 13	Missionary troubles at Chi-nan-fu. Encl. copy note fr. Yamen setting forth that Missionary Reed was not assaulted that money for property was returned & that he had better buy another piece of land; also Mr. Denby's reply reiterating Mr. Reed's statements. Missionaries troublesome. Refers treaty.	6/4
	622	" 16	Navy (Chinese). Sends copy "Times" giving account of recent additions to	6/4
	623	" 16	Accounts. Disp. sal.	6/4
	624, 625	" 16	Accounts. Disp. contingent & disp. rent.	6/4
	626	" 16	Passport returns Disp.	6/4
	627	" 16	Accounts. Disp. loss by exchg.	6/4
	628	" 17	Smuggling in China. No punishment provided against Americans & Europeans in China. Discusses the law as relating to administration. Fee should be fixed by Court	6/4
	629	" 17	Court fees charged in settling estates of Americans deceased in China. Discusses the law as relating to administration. Fee should be fixed by Court	6/4
	630	" 21	Nos. 289-293 incl. rec'd.	6/4
	631	" 23	Court fees charges in settling estates. In continuance of his no. 629 further discusses subject & makes suggestions.	6/4
	632	" 23	Repairs of Legn. Explains why accounts have been made out yearly. Will hereafter make them out quarterly. Encls. vouchers. Refers to No. 209	6/4
	632½	" 23	Agriculture in N. China. Long account of.	6/4
	633	" 27	Likin on native produce property of foreigners. Yamen have repudiated their former position & will impose same at point between Tsaoyang & Sungpu. Encl. protest fr. For. Ministers against & against Camphor monopoly	6/4
	634	" 27	Camphor monopoly in Formosa. Yamen have repudiated their position & monopoly will remain in force. Calls attention to note in No. 633	6/4
	635	" 28	Departure. Leaves for Formosa, Canton &c. to day. Mr. Cheshire will remain	6/4

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Charles Denby	636	Apl 30	Accounts. Repairs. Duplicate.	6/11
	637	May 1	Railway (China Company) now completed to Tang-tsu. Material arrived. Shows it will pay.	6/4
	638	" 5	Portuguese-Chinese treaty was ratified Apr 28 by both Govts. Will send a copy as soon as publish	6/14
	639	" 5	Etiquette of New Year's calls. Question has satisfactorily settled. Enc. note from Tsungli Yamen.	6/14
	640	" 11	Imperial Naval College at Tientsin. Gives an account of the, and enc. copy of proclamation of Manager of same	7/21
	641	" 14	Revenue cruisers for Chinese Govt. Three have been ordered in England, and are expected in China shortly	7/21
	642	" 14	Instrs 294-301 rec'd. Receipt 295. Instr. Mar 17. not numbered, rec'd. Five clrs. Mar 23-Mar 26, 1888. rec'd	7/2
	643	" 21	Movements of Court. The Emperor moves today to the Imperial Pleasure Grounds.	7/21
	644	" 21	Wreck of the Am. Steamer "San Pablo". A Chinese gunboat was sent to her assistance but it is claimed that the local authorities were not efficient in preventing "looting". A claim will be presented for damages.	7/21
	645	" 24	Medicines exported. Is about to transmit a copy of a Mss work on the subject, by Sir Robert Hart.	7/12
	646	" 26	Australia. Exclusion of Chinese labourers from. Enc. newspaper clippings on the subject.	7/21
	647	June 1	Customs Gazettes for the first quarter of 1888. transmitted. Gives abstract of American imports.	7/21
	648	" 5	"Returns of Foreign Trade with China" transmitted (two copies)	7/21
	649	" 11	302-305 rec'd.	7/21
	650	" 17	Instrs 306-308 rec'd.	8/2
	651	" 25	Treaty between Portugal and China. Transmits English text of the, and of Convention appended.	8/20
	652	" 26	309-311 rec'd.	8/18
J.D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	July 1	Accounts. (Two despatches).	8/20
Charles Denby	653-4-5	" 1	Accounts.	8/20
	656	" 1	Passport Returns.	8/20
W.W. Rockhill Secy of Legn	—	" 5	Resignation tendered, to take effect from expiration of his leave of absence.	7/17
Charles Denby	657	" 6	312-321 rec'd.	8/20
	658	" 6	"Chronicle and Directory for China and Japan". Cost of same will be chg'd in Contingent Acct.	8/20
	659	" 9	Status of Chinese women married to Americans. According to existing U.S. laws they remain Chinese subjects, as they cannot be naturalized Am. citizens, whereas in marrying into other nationalities they become subjects of their husbands' nationality. Enc. copy of agreement between the German Minister and the Tsungli-Yamen that Chinese women marrying Germans, and German women marrying Chinese, shall be under the jurisdiction of their husbands' nationality	8/20
	660	" 9	Galena Mines of Je-Ao, and the Superintendence of Am. Engineers. Gives an account of the,	8/20
	661	" 10	Account of expenses incurred in his tour of inspection of the Consulates.	8/20
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn	—	" 11	Accounts.	8/20
Charles Denby	662-3-4	" 11	Accounts.	8/20
	665	" 11	Passport Returns. Duplicate.	8/20
	666	" 11	Customs Returns of Trade for 1887. forwarded. Two copies of.	8/20
J.D. Cheshire, Interpreter.	—	" 12	Accounts. (Two despatches)	8/20
Charles Denby	667	" 14	Foreign trade of China for 1887. Report on the,	8/29
	668	" 17	322-325 and circular of May 26th, 1888, rec'd.	8/29
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn	—	" 18	Accounts.	8/29
Charles Denby	669	" 19	Accounts.	8/29
	670	" 20	Inspection of Consulates. Gives a detailed account of his tour of. Enc. map of Formosa	9/11
	671	" 20	China Railway to be extended from Tientsin to Tung-chow.	8/29
	672	" 20	Mining in China. Desire of Govt for the development of. Memorial presented by Director of the Mines.	8/29
	673	" 21	Accounts.	9/11
	674	" 23	Accounts.	9/11
	675	" 23	326-330 rec'd.	9/11
	676	" 23	Stationery and flags acc. Instr. 310. rec'd.	9/11
	677	" 27	Claim of Louis McCaslin vs China. He is an American citizen living in China, who received bodily injuries through the wilful negligence or malice of certain Govt employees. Enc. a copy of Mr. McCaslin's testimony sworn to before the Am. Consul at Newchwang.	9/11
	678	" 30	Political. Enc. copy of an Edict of the Empress Regent, announcing her retirement after Emperor's marriage	9/11
	679	Aug 2	Claim of Reuben J. McCaslin vs China for the looting and sinking of the pilot boat "Ruby" in October, 1886, by Chinese fishermen. The case was presented to the Chinese authorities by the U.S. Consul at Newchwang, but without success, and the Minister is now asked to present the claim to the Imperial Govt. Relates the circumstances, and asks instructions.	9/20

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		1888		1888
Charles Denby	680	Aug. 2	Accounts. Has rec'd Circular of June 18, rel. to the numbering of the quarters of the year.	9/20
	681	" 3	Treaty between U. S. and China. Discusses and approves the,	9/20
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legn	~	" 5	Accounts.	8/7
Charles Denby.	✓ 682 ✓	" 7	Protection of wrecks on the coast of Shantung. Enc. translation of a Memorial from the Governor of Shantung to the Emperor, proposing a set of regulations for the,	9/20
	683-4	" 7	Accounts.	9/20
	685	" 12	Descents, Wills, Ownership of Land, Marriage &c. Enc. Abstract of certain Chinese Laws rel. to,	10/8
	686	" 16	Political. The Emperor will assume the government March 4, 1889.	10/8
	687	" 16	No. 331 rec'd.	10/8
	688	" 16	No. 332 rec'd.	10/8
	689	" 20	Thibet. The British troops are reported to be about to occupy,	10/8
	690	" 22	Yellow River. Reports the carrying away by an overflow of the new embankment on the,	10/8
	✓ 691 ✓	" 24	Missionary troubles at Wuhu. Case in process of settlement. Enc. copy of letter from Rev. S. Reid.	10/8
	692	" 30	333-334 rec'd.	10/15
	693	Sept. 2	American Missionaries in China. Describes his policy with regard to, Reply to Instr. 333.	10/22
	694	Sept 4	Cotton-gin in Shanghai. An English house has been prohibited from erecting a,	10/22
	695	" 4	Population of China. Enc. an estimate of the,	10/22
	✓ Tel. ✓	" 5	Emigration Treaty between China and the U. S. probably rejected by China.	
	696	" 5	Text of Dep't's telegram of 4th inst., and of his own of 5th inst.	10/22
	✓ Tel. ✓	" 6	Emigration Treaty has been postponed for further deliberation.	
	697	" 6	Marriage of the Emperor to take place Feb. 26, 1889.	10/22
	698	" 6	Customs Gazette forwarded (Two copies)	10/22
	✓ 699 ✓	" 6	Emigration Treaty. Text of telegram of same date. A riot is said to have taken place at Canton in consequence of the Senate amendments, and the Cantonese have protested against the ratification of the Treaty.	10/22
	700	" 14	Marine Conference at Washington Apr. 16, 1889. Ack. Instrs. 340-341 rel. to the,	10/22
W. W. Rockhill, Secy of Legation	—	" 17.	Accounts.	9/15
Charles Denby	✓ 701 ✓	" 17	Emigration Treaty. Describes an interview which he has had with the Yamen rel. to the, Enc. clipping from the "Chinese Times."	11/2
	—	" 18	Same subject. Suggests an amendment to Article 2 providing for the return to the U. S. of Chinese Laborers now in the U. S.	11/2
	702	" 19	Marine Conference at Washington. Enc. copy of his note to F. Min. below China to take part in the,	11/2
	Tel	" 20	Emigration Treaty. "Telegram communicated to Yamen. Forty eight hours indispensable for answer. If ratification refused, I advise President's approval Exclusion Act."	
	✓ 703 ✓	" 20	Same subject. Text of Dep't's telegram of 19th inst. and of his own of this date. Reviews the treacherous course pursued by the Chinese Gov't, and gives reasons for the approval of the Chinese Exclusion Act, if China rejects the Treaty. Enc. copy of his note to the Yamen demanding an answer as to the ratification or rejection of the Emigration Treaty.	11/2
	✓ 704 ✓	" 21	Same subject. Text of telegram of this date. Enc. copy of a note from the Yamen proposing a number of modifications in the Treaty, which would necessitate the making of a new Treaty, and amounting to a refusal to ratify the Treaty.	11/2
	Tel	" 21	Same subject. "Ratification refused unless twenty years limitation is discussed with a view to shortening; laborers now abroad owning a thousand dollars, to return; provision to be made for laborers now abroad owning less.	
	705	" 23	Riots in China. precautions against suggested to Admiral Chandler.	11/8
	706	" 24	Penal code for the East. recommends that Dept overrule the ruling that Ministers cannot legislate. Failing in that, suggest that a penal statute for the East be enacted by Congress	11/8
	707	" 25	Newspapers for Legation, reports irregular arrival of, requests "Nation" in place of "N. Herald"	11/8
	708	" 25	Accounts for telegrams sent	11/8
	✓ 709 ✓	" 26	Claims of Russell & Co vs China. Russell & Co. are American merchants who have for more than five years been doing business at the port of Taiwanfoo, Formosa, chiefly in the sugar trade. In June, 1887, they obtained judgment on a bond against certain Chinese subjects, from the Chinese Authorities, but have not been able to obtain a settlement, owing to the negligence of the local authorities. Asks for permission to present the claim to the Imperial Gov't. Enc. copy of Russell & Co's memorial	11/16
	✓ 710 ✓	" 27	Claims of American citizens vs China. Recommends that, in any future treaty with China, provision be made for the payment of all,	11/16

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		1885		1885
Charles Denby	711	Sept. 29	Corea and China. Enc. clipping commenting on Mr. Denny's pamphlet on the mutual relations of	11/16
Charles Denby Jr.	~	" 30	Accounts. Two despatches.	11/16
	712	Oct. 1	343-4 rec'd.	11/16
	713	" 1	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Enc. copy of his note to the Tsungli Yamen, recalling their attention to the, and urging a settlement of the same.	11/16
	714	" 2	Marine Conference at Washington. Enc. copy of note from the Tsungli Yamen, stating that an answer would be sent through the Chinese Legation at Washington, to the invitation to China to take part in the,	11/16
	715-6	" 2	Accounts.	11/16
	717	" 3	Accounts.	11/16
	718	" 3	Passport Returns.	11/16
	719	" 3	Accounts.	11/16
	720	" 3	Claims of Rev. Gilbert Reid vs. China, for injuries done him by a mob at Chinanfu, Nov 25, 1887. Enc. a copy of the, and asks for instructions in relation thereto. Discusses the circumstances connected with the claim	11/16
J. D. Cheshire, Interpreter Charles Denby	~	" 4	Accounts. Two despatches.	11/16
	721	" 4	Tieng Wen College. Triennial catalogue of the, Gives an account of the College	11/16
	722	" 4	Legislative power of U. S. Ministers in the East. Cites Section V. of the Ordinance for the government of the North West Territory, as an argument in favor of his recommendation to bestow the power of legislation on U. S. Ministers in the East	11/16
	723	" 6	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Enc. translation of the reply of the Yamen to his note referred to in his No. 713, stating that it is impossible to do anything in the matter at present, and recommending patience.	11/16
	724	" 7	345-6-7 rec'd.	11/16
	725	" 8	Passports. Enc. three applications for, omitted in his No. 718.	11/16
	726	" 8	Passports. Asks Circular of Aug. 20. & copies of new form of application for,	11/16
	727	" 8	Blank forms of accounts requested.	11/16
	725	" 9	Claims of Dr. A. A. Fulton vs. China, for property destroyed by a mob in Kwai Teng in May, 1886. Enc. copy of Dr. Fulton's memorial. The Viceroy has refused to pay this claim, on the ground that the missionaries had no right to go into the interior of China. Has no doubt of the justice of the claim. Asks for instructions	11/16
Howard Mansfield, Secy of Legn Charles Denby	~	" 14	Secretary of Legation Returns. Signed by Clerk of Office and Letter of Credit.	11/7
	729	" 15	Accounts. For repairs to Legation premises	11/30
	730	" 15	Bonded Warehouse monopoly at Shanghai. Enc. a clipping rel. to the.	11/30
	731	" 16	Mines of Jeho. Gives an account of the working of the. There is no geological map of the mining district. Gives a statement of assays of the ore, lead and silver. Reply to Instr. 345.	11/30
Howard Mansfield, Secy of Legation Charles Denby	732	" 17	Accounts.	11/30
	Tel.	" 19	Departure for post. "I leave here (New York) tonight for Peking."	11/30
	733-4-5	" 19	Accounts.	11/30
	736	" 19	Passport Returns. Duplicate,	11/30
	737	" 19	Mixed marriages in China. Asks instructions rel. to. Relates the circumstances attending the proposed marriage of Rev. Mr. Thompson, a British subject, to an American lady, both of them being missionaries living in China.	11/30
	738	" 20	Population of China. Enc. copy of an estimate of the,	11/30
	739	" 20	Customs duties collected at Peking. Gives an abstract from a Report of the,	11/30
J. D. Cheshire Charles Denby	~	" 22	Accounts. Two despatches.	12/8
	740	" 22	China & Exclusion Act. Discusses the,	12/8
	741	" 23	Railway at Tientsin. Describes the Viceroy's inspection of the,	12/8
	742	" 25	Rebellion in Formosa. Reports the breaking out of a,	12/8
	743	" 26	348-9 received.	12/8
	744	" 26	Corea. Gives an abstract of a newspaper article rel. to Russian intrigues in,	12/8
	745	" 26	New Chwang floods. Enc. a translation of a Decree rel. to the,	12/8
	746	" 27	Tientsin and Kaiping Railway. Enc. a description of the,	12/8
	747-8	" 27	Accounts.	12/8
	749	" 31	Fees in Consular Courts in China. Enc. copy of an amended Bill regulating,	12/8
	750	Nov. 2	Formosa. Enc. copy of a proclamation of the Tokin Board establishing a barrier at Tautulia, in the Island of, for the purpose of examining goods. Considers this a violation of the Treaty, and has instructed the Consul there to resist the establishment of the barrier.	12/8

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		1878		1878
Charles Denby	751	Nov. 11	Opium cultivation in China. Reports a large increase in the extent of the.	12/8
	752	" 4	Chinese Exclusion Bill. Gives his reasons for advising approval of the.	12/21
	753	" 5	Claims of Reuben J. McCaslin vs China for forfeiting of the Pilot boat "Ruby". Ack. No. 350 instr. him not to present the.	12/21
	754	" 5	Judgments by confession in the U.S. Consular Courts in China. Enc. a copy of certain rules recently adopted by him governing the rendering of.	12/21
	755	" 10	Opium. Report of the Commissioners of Customs on. Native. Transmits copy	12/29
	756	" 12	Railroad to Tëng-Chow. States proposition of Company to Admiralty and transmits clipping from North China News, containing petition to that effect.	12/29
	757	" 12	Empress of China. Decree of the Emperor selecting and two secondary wives. Enc.	12/29
	758	" 13	Railroad. Full text of memorial concerning extension to Tëng Chow. Encl.	12/29
	759	" 14	Ack. 351 and 357	12/29
	760	" 16	Opium, crude and prepared. Trade in prepared opium is assuming significance. States important items of report of Commissioners of the Imperial Maritime Customs on, and transmits copy.	12/29
	761	" 20	Diplomacy in Ancient China. Enc. extract from publication on by Dr Macleay.	12/29
	762	" 20	Barker Concessions. It is claimed that Barker has valuable concessions which are now on a firm basis. Enc. clipping from Journal des Debats of 11/27/78	11/29
	763	" 20	Ack. 354-358	12/29
	764	" 22	Citizens of U.S. in China. Enc. list of with residence and occupation	11/29
	765	" 24	Customs Gazette forwarded.	1879 1/12
	766	" 26	Railway carriages presented to the Emperor by a French syndicate. Describes the,	1/12
	767	" 30	Treas. Ack. No. 359 enc. Circular of Oct. 11th rel. to the importation of specimens and adulterated,	1/12
	768	Dec. 1	Chinese Exclusion Bill. Discusses the effect produced in China by the.	1/18
	769	" 8	Secretary of Legation. Ann. the arrival on the 7th inst. of Howard Martin, the new,	2/1
	770	" 10	General Tariff for the Trade of China. Enc. two copies of the,	2/1
	771	" 12	Cathedral of North Peking. Gives an account of the progress of Roman Catholicism in China and of the recent consecration of the.	2/1
	772	" 18	Same subject. Describes the Cathedral. Enc. a clipping describing the banquet which was given on the occasion of the consecration of the Cathedral.	2/20
Charles Denby for 2d Secy of Legn	—	" 22	Second Secretary of Legation. Sets forth his claims to be retained by the next Administration as. Enc. Minister's endorsement of the same	2/20
Charles Denby	773	" 24	360-363 rec'd.	2/20
	774	" 26	Yellow River. Enc. copy of the Report of the Director General rel. to the operations in closing the breach in the Embankment of the.	2/20
	775	" 26	Competitive Examinations in China. Enc. a copy of a Decree granting the degree of Provincial Graduate to aged candidates who have been unsuccessful in the.	2/20
	776	" 26	Railways in China. The railway between Tongku and Tientsin will be extended to Tungchow.	2/20
	777	" 26	Science Primer Series. Enc. a translation of Viceroy Li's preface to the Chinese translation of the.	2/20
	778	" 29	Taxation as practised in China. Gives an account of.	2/20
	779	" 29	Tsien-tang River. Enc. a clipping containing a description of the bore of the.	2/20
	780	Jan. 2 1879	Accounts.	2/20
	781	" 2	Passport Returns.	2/20
	782	" 2	Immigration Treaty between China and the U.S. Enc. translations of two pamphlets opposing the. Gives a synopsis of their contents.	3/1
	783	" 2	364-367 rec'd.	2/20
	784	" 3	Accounts.	3/1
	785	" 4	Accounts.	3/1
F.D. Cheshire Interpreter Charles Denby	—	" 5	Accounts. Two despatches.	3/1
	786	" 5	New Year's reception at the Legation. Enc. a list of Chinese officials who attended the,	3/1
	787	" 5	Thanksgiving Proclamation rec'd.	3/1
	788	" 8	Railroad to Tungchow. Enc. a copy of an official proclamation rel. to the,	3/1
	789	" 9	Religions of China. Gives an account of Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism, the three great,	3/12
	790	" 11	Political. Gives an account of the Imperial family of China	3/12

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		1889		1889
Charles Denby	791	Jan. 14	Customs officers at Pekin. Enc a copy of a note of the 11th inst. sent by the Foreign Ministers at Peking to the Tsungli-Yamên, asking for the appointment of a superior.	3/12
	792	" 18	Accounts.	3/12
	793	" 18	Murders about foreigners in China. Enc a copy of a note of the 14th inst. sent by the Foreign Ministers in Peking to the Tsungli-Yamên, remonstrating against the publication of a picture representing foreigners boiling corpses to make soap.	3/12
Charles Denby for 2d Secy of Legn	~	" 19	Accounts. Two despatches.	3/12
Charles Denby	794	" 19	Accounts.	3/12
	795	" 21	Flags and stationery for Legation requested.	3/12
	796	" 21	Claims of Rev. Gilbert Reid vs. China. Asks permission to present to the Chinese Govt the, Gives reasons for demanding an indemnity for Mr. Reid. Refers to his No. 720.	3/12
	797	" 21	368-372 rec'd.	3/12
	798	" 22	Iron mine. Enc a clipping rel. to the Asuckers.	3/12
Howard Martin Secy of Legn	~	" 23	Accounts.	3/12
Charles Denby	799	" 25	Customs Taotai at Pekin. Enc a translation of a note of 15th inst. from T.O. to the Foreign Ministers, promising to consider their request for the appointment of a, Refers to his No. 791.	3/12
	800	" 28	Roman Catholics in China. Reports the abolition of the French protectorate over,	3/26
	801-2	" 28	Accounts.	3/26
	803	" 28	Passports. Duplicate Return of,	3/26
	804-5-6	" 28	Accounts.	3/26
	807	" 28	Tonquin. Gives a sketch of affairs in,	3/26
	808	" 28	Yellow River. Reports the closing of the breach in the,	3/26
	809	" 28	Railroad from Tient-sin to Tung-chow. Reports the discontinuance of the Construction of the,	3/26
J. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	~	" 29	Accounts. Two despatches.	3/26
Charles Denby	810	" 29	Currency question in China. Enc a clipping rel. to the,	3/26
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn	~	Feb 2	Accounts. Two despatches.	3/26
Charles Denby	811	" 2	Salaries of Chinese diplomatic and Consular Officers. Enc a list of the,	3/26
	812	" 4	373-378 and Circulars of Nov. 26, 1888. rec'd.	3/26
	813	" 4	Passports. Asks for instrs. rel. to forwarding duplicates of applications for, Reply to No. 374.	3/26
Howard Martin, Secy of Legn	~	" 5	Accounts. Two despatches.	3/26
Charles Denby	814	" 6	Extradition as practised by China. Makes a Report on, China has no Extradition Treaty with the U. S. She has Treaties with Portugal, Great Britain and Japan containing Articles on the subject, of which copies are enclosed.	3/26
	815	" 6	Claims of American citizens vs. China. Has presented to the Yamên certain additional, As soon as all such claims have been filed, he will endeavor to obtain a comprehensive adjustment of them all. Reply to No. 376.	3/26
	816	" 6	Mixed marriages in China. Discusses certain questions rel. to the proper mode of solemnizing, Reply to No. 375.	3/26
	817	" 6	Claim of Rev. A. A. Fulton and others vs. China. Enc c. of correspondence rel. to the, See his No. 728 and Dept No. 376.	4/3
	818	" 12	British India and Thibet. Reports the appointment of a commission to settle the points in dispute between. Gives a sketch of the demands of Great Britain.	4/2
	819	" 12	Roman Catholic missionaries in China. Gives an account of the French claim to a Protectorate over all, and of China's hostility to the same.	4/2
	820	" 13	Riot at Chinkiang Feb. 5, 1889. Gives an account of a great anti-foreign, and of the causes which led to it.	4/2
	821	" 15	379 and Circulars of Dec 15 and 17, 1888, rec'd.	4/2
	822	" 18	Claims of American citizens vs. China for losses and injuries caused by the recent riot at Chinkiang. Enc c. of note from T.O. of the 5th inst. requesting that the U.S. Consul at Chinkiang be instructed to confer with the local Authorities with a view to a speedy adjustment of the, As has instructed the Consul accordingly.	4/15
Howard Martin, Secy of Legation	~	" 19	Draft. Advice of,	
Charles Denby	823	" 20	Claims of Rev. A. A. Fulton and others vs. China. Enc c. of note of 15th inst. from T.O. stating that the Viceroy at Canton has been asked for a Report on the,	4/15
	824	" 20	Telegraph system of China. Says that the Chinese Govt has ratified the Chefoo Telegraphic Convention. Refers to his No. 470.	4/15
	825	" 20	Trade of China in 1888. Describes the state of the,	4/15

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		1889		
Charles Denby	826	Feb. 20	Furniture for Secretary of Legation. Ask Dept's telegram of 18th inst. rel. to.	1889
	827	" 25	Marriage of the Emperor. Encs of note of 19th inst. from T.O. anng that the 26th inst. has been fixed upon for the.	4/15
	828	" 26	Yentung Wharf Company. Encs of his note of 25th inst. to T.O. asking for the extension of landing privileges at the.	4/15
	829	" 26	Enforcement of neutrality on Sir Robert Hart, the Inspector General of Customs. Encs of Decree of 21st inst. Committing Sir Robert Hart.	4/15
	830	" 27	Ceremonial. Ask Dept's telegram of 25th inst. conveying the President's congratulations on the Emperor's marriage.	4/15
	831	" 28	Political. Gives a sketch of the life and character of the Empress Regent.	4/15
	832	Mar. 2	Naval force on the Asiatic Station. Argues to show the necessity for an increase of the U.S.	4/15
	833	" 4	381-383 rec'd	4/23
	834	" 4	Death of Rear Admiral Ralph Chandler, Feb 11, 1889, at Hong Kong. Reports the.	4/23
	835	" 4	Assumption by the Emperor of China of the gov't. Encs of note of 2nd inst. from T.O. anng the formal.	4/23
	836	" 4	Resignation Tenders his, to take effect on the arrival of his successor.	4/23
	837	" 5	Empress Dowager. Encs of a Decree of the late Regent refusing to take any further share in the government.	4/23
	838	" 5	Catholic Missions in China. Encs a table giving statistics of the.	4/23
	839	" 5	Marriage of the Emperor and his assumption of the Gov't. Encs duplicate copies of a Decree of the Empress Regent, ordering that a banquet be given to the diplomatic corps.	4/23
	840	" 6	Passports. T.O. requests that hereafter the foreign names of applicants for passports be inserted together with the Chinese name. Has noticed T.O. that this has always been the practice of his Legation.	4/23
	841	" 8	Marriage of the Emperor. Encs a clipping describing the ceremonies which will be observed on the occasion of the.	4/23
	842	" 8	Same subject. Encs of the reply of T.O. to the President's congratulations on the.	4/23
	843	" 8	Chinese Exclusion Bill. Encs a clipping containing a report of an interview with the Viceroy at Tientsin, in which the latter indignantly condemned the.	4/23
	844	" 8	Trade of China. Encs a table of statistics of the foreign.	
	—	—	Public documents. Has copies of the Customs Gazette for October and December, 1888, and three copies of the "List of the Chinese Light-houses, Light-vessels, Buoys and Beacons, for 1889"	4/23
	845	" 8	Banquet given to the diplomatic corps on the 7th inst. by the Empress Regent. Describes the.	4/23
	846	" 10	Gifts offered to Ministers by the Chinese Gov't, declined with thanks.	4/23
	847	" 11	Yellow River. Encs a clipping giving an account of the present condition of the breach in the.	4/27
Howard Martin, Secy of Legn Charles Denby	—	" 12	Accounts.	4/23
	848	" 12	Marriage of the Emperor. Encs a clipping recounting the honors bestowed at the.	4/23
	849	" 12	Improvements in China. Gives an abstract of a Memorial of the Provincial Judge of Kuang tung, recommending certain.	4/23
	850	" 14	Kiu Kiang. Gives an abstract of Rev. N. J. Bryan's account of the recent.	4/23
	851	" 15	384 and 387, and Circulars of Jan 9 and 15 rec'd.	4/23
	852	" 16	Gifts offered to Ministers by the Chinese Gov't. Gives his reasons for declining the.	4/23
	853	" 17	Gifts offered to Ministers by the Chinese Gov't. Text of Dept's telegram of 15th inst. As received the presents, and will forward them.	5/2
	854	" 19	Banquet to the diplomatic corps on the 7th inst. Encs a clipping giving an account of the.	5/2
	855	" 20	Claim of Messrs. Russell & Co. vs. China. Gives his reasons for thinking that China ought to pay the, Encs of his note to T.O. pressing said claim, and of the reply of T.O. of 18th inst. stating that the Governor of Formosa has been requested to direct the local authorities to bring about a settlement of the claim.	5/2
	856	" 23	388-389 rec'd.	5/7
	857	" 25	Manchuria. Gives a description of.	5/7
	858	" 30	Accounts.	5/7
	859	" 30	Gifts to Ministers from the Chinese Gov't. As forwarded to Dept's the.	5/7
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn J. D. Cheshire, Interpreter Charles Denby	—	Apl 1	Accounts.	5/17
	—	" 1	Accounts. Two despatches.	5/17
	860-862	" 1	Accounts.	5/17
	863	" 1	Passport Returns.	5/17

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Charles Denby	564	Apr. 1	Accounts.	5/17
	565	" 2	Sea trade of China. Enc. c. of a Report on the.	5/17
	566	" 2	Silver mines in Mongolia. Will leave Pekin on the 5th inst. to pay a visit to the.	5/17
	567	" 3	Military and Naval finances of China. Refers to his No. 383. of June 10, 1887, for information rel. to the. Will forward further information from time to time.	5/17
	568	" 3	Ministers to the U. S. and Great Britain. Reports the appointm't of Tsui Kwo Yin and Chen Chin Ming respectively as,	5/17
Howard Martin, Secy of Legation	—	" 5	Accounts.	5/17
	—	" 5	Accounts.	5/27
	—	" 10	Accounts & two despatches.	5/27
Charles Denby & 2nd Secy of Legn	—	" 15	Accounts.	5/27
Charles Denby	569	" 8	390-393 rec'd.	6/7
	570	" 22	Yellow River. The Emperor has rejected a proposal for the appointment of a Board of Surveyors for the	6/7
	571	" 22	Chinese Minister to the U. S. Gives a sketch of Tsui Kwo Yin, the new,	6/7
	572	" 21	394-400 rec'd.	6/7
	573	" 29	Pootung Wharf and Godown Company. Enc. c. of note of 11th inst. from T. O. declining to grant bonding privileges to the. Refers to his No. 528.	6/7
	574	" 30	Trade of China. Makes a Report on the foreign, & a copy of the "Returns of Trade" for 1888.	6/7
	575	" 30	401-2 rec'd.	6/7
	576	" 30	Looting of a girls' school of the Presbyterian Mission at Peking. Reports the,	6/7
	577	" 30	Formosa. Enc. a clipping giving an account of Chinese military operations in the Island of,	6/7
	578	" 30	Railroad bridge at Tientsin. Enc. a clipping describing the operations connected with the removal of the,	6/7
	579	" 30	German Minister to China. Enc. a clipping giving a sketch of the career of Herr von Brandt the,	6/7
	580	" 30	Passports for Italian Catholic Missionaries in China, are now issued through the Italian Legation.	6/7
	581	May 1	Looting of a girls' Mission School at Peking. Gives further particulars rel. to the. Refers to his 576	6/7
	582	" 3	Silver Mines in Mongolia. Gives an account of his journey to the, and his return on 27th April.	6/7
	583	" 6	403-407 rec'd.	6/9.
	584	" 6	Silver Mines in Mongolia. Refers to his 582nd & reports heavy finds of silver at. If the vein should hold out, a great future is predicted for Americans in connection with industrial & progressive movements in China.	6/9.
	585	" 10	Missionary troubles at Chi Nan Fu. Encl. Correspondence with For. Office rel. to, and suggests that a number of the Legation should visit Chi Nan Fu & endeavor to secure a settlement.	6/9.
	586	" 14	Probity of the Chinese. Enc. a clipping praising the commercial,	6/26
	587	" 15	Death of the Japanese Minister to China. Reports the,	6/26
	588	" 17	Legation. Makes a statement of the services and labors of the,	6/26
	589	" 18	Customs Returns of Trade and Trade Reports for 1888, transmitted.	7/8
	590	" 20	408-409 rec'd.	7/8
	591	" 20	Seeds from Dep't of Agriculture. Ack. the receipt of a box of,	7/8
	592	" 21	Railroads in China. Gives information rel. to various projected,	7/8
	593	" 22	Press-copy Books for Legation requested.	7/8
	594	" 23	Stationery for Legation. Ack. the receipt of two boxes of,	7/8
Howard Martin, Secy of Legation Charles Denby	—	" 25	Accounts, vouchers and inventory of articles of furniture purchased for his house.	7/8
	595	" 25	410 and 412 and Circular of Sept. 11, rec'd.	7/8
	596	" 27	Customs Gazette, January to March, 1889. & two copies of the,	7/8
	597	" 27	Manufactures in China. Makes a Report on the question of the right of foreigners to manufacture in China. Asks for instructions as to urging said right on the Chinese Gov't.	7/8
	598	" 27	Pootung Wharf and Godown Company. Encl. c. of his note of 14th inst. as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, to T. O., asking it to reconsider its refusal to allow bonding privileges to the, and of T. O.'s reply of 26th inst. declining to reconsider the same.	7/8
	599	" 29	Wrecks at Chinkiang. Encl. c. of a despatch of 18th inst. from the Consul at Chinkiang, reporting the settlement of the claims of American citizens for losses suffered in the,	7/8
	600	" 29	Sea Trade of China. Enc. a clipping rel. to the,	7/8

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Charles Denby	901	May 29	Iron industry in the Tsai Kaang's. Enc a clipping rel to the development of the,	7/8
	902	" 30	Error in dist No. 897 corrected.	7/8
	A 903	June 3	Marine Conference at Washington. Enc c of note of 2nd inst from T.O., ann'g that China accepts the invitation to take part in the,	7/15
	904	" 7	411-420, except No. 412, rec'd.	7/15
	905	" 7	Passports. Enc ltr of note of Feb 24 from T.O., referred to in this No. 840 and in Dep'tl No. 419	7/15
	906	" 8	Extradition of Toribio Nieves, a Spanish subject, alleged to be an escaped convict from the Penitentiary at Manila, now on board the American Ship "Rio" at Amoy. Requisition has been made upon him by the Spanish Legation at Peking for the, He has directed the Consul at Amoy to surrender Nieves, on proof of his identity.	7/15
Howard Martin, Secy of Legation	—	May 31	Leaves of absence requested.	7/22
Charles Denby	907	June 10	Military Establishment of China. Enc a Report on the,	7/22
	908	" 10	Chinese in the commercial centres of the Far East. Gives the numbers of the,	7/22
	909	" 12	Pub Doc. Ack the receipt of a volume of Treaties and Conventions between the U.S. and other Powers	7/22
	910	" 15	Military Establishment of China. Enc c of despatch of May 29, from the Consul at Canton, giving information rel to the,	7/29
	911	" 15	Marine Conference at Washington. Has transmitted to T.O. the Programme of the,	7/29
	912	" 15	Paper currency in China. Enc a copy of a pamphlet on,	7/29
	913 A	" 17	Railroads in China. The Emperor has refused to permit the building of the proposed,	7/29
	914	" 19	421-423 rec'd.	7/29
	915	" 23	No. 426 rec'd.	8/10
	916 A	" 24	Consular Courts of the U.S. in China. Enc c of certain amended regulations for the,	8/10
	917	" 25	Swatow. Mr. Streick, the Interpreter of the German Consulate General at Shanghai, has been placed in charge of the U.S. Consular Agency at,	8/10
	918	" 29	Naturalized Chinese subjects. Enc a translation of four rules drawn up by the Commissioners of the Board of Foreign Affairs at Foochow, for the government of Chinese subjects naturalized in foreign countries.	8/10
J.D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 30	Accounts. Two despatches.	8/10
Charles Denby	919-921	" 30	Accounts.	8/10
	922	" 30	Passport Returns.	8/10
	923	" 30	Accounts.	8/10
	924	July 3	Death of Rev. J. Crossett. Reports the, Describes his useful and holy life.	8/10
	925	" 3	Books for Legations. Asks for certain,	8/10
	926	" 5	Germany and Japan. Enc a clipping rel to the recent Commercial Treaty between,	8/10
Howard Martin, Secy of Legn	—	" 5	Accounts.	8/26
Charles Denby	927 H	" 13	Chinese Resident in Corea. Enc c of corresp. with T.O. rel to the diplomatic Status of the, Reply to No. 424.	8/26
	928-931	" 15	Accounts.	8/26
	932	" 15	Passport Returns. Duplicate,	8/26
	933	" 15	Accounts.	8/26
	934	" 16	Accounts.	8/26
	935	" 16	No. 427 rec'd.	8/26
J.D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 17	Accounts. Two despatches.	8/26
Charles Denby	936	" 18	Gold mining in Shantung. Enc a clipping rel to,	8/26
	937	" 20	Riots at Hankow and Canton. Describes recent anti-foreign, Urges the necessity of increasing the U.S. Naval force in Chinese waters.	8/31
	938	" 22	428-430 rec'd. See No. 444.	8/31
No. 939 was not sent.				
	940	" 26	Accounts.	9/13
	941 A	" 26	Railroads in China. Enc tr of a Memorial of the Governor of Formosa, advocating the construction of,	8/31
	942	" 26	Accounts.	9/14
Charles Denby Jr. Second Secretary	—	Aug 2	Accounts.	9/13
Charles Denby	943	" 4	Railroads in China. Enc tr of a Memorial of Chang Chih-tung, opposing the construction of a railroad from Tientsin to Tungchow, but advocating the construction of one from Lu-Kou-Chiao to Hankow in Shu fei	9/25

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Charles Denby	✓ 944	1889 Aug 8	Consular jurisdiction over offences committed by American seamen on foreign vessels in Chinese ports. Holds that under Cons. Reg. Sec. 72 the U.S. must concede jurisdiction to the consul of the nation under whose flag the vessel sails. Case of John Liscom	9/25
	✓ 945 ✓	" 9	Land tenure of China. Report on.	9/25
	946	" 11	Passports. Inquires whether duplicate application forms should be forwarded to Dept	9/25
	✓ 947 ✓	" 17	Railways in China. Enc. a copy of a Memorial of the Acting Governor of Kiangsu advocating the construction of.	10/11
	948	" 17	Political. Transfer of the Viceroy of Canton to Nankow.	10/11
	949	" 19	933-938 rec'd.	10/11
	950	" 23	Song-koi or Red River. Reports the opening to trade of the.	10/11
	951	" 24	Navy of China. Enc. a clipping giving statistics of the.	10/11
	952	" 24	Telegraphs in China. Enc. clippings rel. to.	10/11
	953	" 30	Passport blanks requested.	10/11
	954	" 31	Yellow River. Reports another breach in the banks of the. Discusses its cause and effect	10/11
	✓ 955	Sept. 5	Missionary troubles at Chenanfu. Gives information requested in Dept's No. 439 as to the expense of a journey to Chenanfu. Advises against diplomatic intervention at present. Has again called upon T.O. to order the local authorities at Chenanfu to settle their difficulties with the missionaries.	10/11
	956	" 5	Opium. Enc. a copy of a treatise on.	10/11
	957	" 5	439-443 rec'd.	
	958	" 7	Transit of Chinese tourists across the U.S. Asks for certain documents rel. to the right of.	10/11
	✓ 959 ✓	" 7	Railroad from Nankow to a point near Peking. Reports the probable construction of a.	10/24
	960	" 16	No. 444 and Circular of Aug. 2 rec'd.	10/28
	✓ 961 ✓	" 16	Railway from Nankow to Peking. Enc. c. of Decree for the construction of the.	10/28
Howard Martin, Secy of Legn Charles Denby	"	" 30	Accounts.	10/28
	962	" 23	Burmah. Describes the present condition of.	11/13
	963	" 22	Temple of Heaven. Reports the destruction by lightning of the.	11/13
	964-5	Oct. 1	Accounts.	11/13
	966	" 1	Passport Returns.	11/13
J.D. Cheshire, Interpreter Charles Denby	"	" 2	Accounts. Two despatches.	11/13
	967	" 2	Temple of Heaven. Enc. clippings rel. to the burning of the.	11/13
	968	" 3	Accounts.	11/13
	969	" 7	446-450 rec'd.	
	"	"	Consular Courts in China. Enc. ten copies of the amended Consular Fee Bill.	11/13
	970	" 7	Pub. Doc. "Interstate Commerce Commission Reports" rec'd.	11/13
	✓ 971 ✓	" 7	Telegraph systems of China. The govt proposes to give a monopoly to the two cable companies similar to that proposed in 1887. Mr. Denby has informed China that the U.S. will not recognize such an arrangement if it should prove detrimental to its interests. Gives reasons for his action	11/15
	✓ 972 ✓	" 10	Railways in China. Enc. copy of report of Admiralty Board relative to.	11/15
	973	" 14	Swatow. The German Govt has authorized the German Acting Vice Consul at Swatow to discharge temporarily the duties of U.S. Consular Agent at.	11/27
	974	" 17	Accounts.	11/27
	975	" 17	Anti-Christian book. Enc. c. of his note of 18th (ult) inst. to T.O., as Doyen, asking for the suppression of a certain.	11/27
	976	" 17	Gold export in China and Corea. Gives statistics of the.	12/6
	977	" 19	Death of the Spanish Charge d'Affaires, Luis Carlos de Bonis. Reports the.	12/6
	✓ 978 ✓	" 23	Railroads in China. Reports the probable postponement of the construction of.	12/6
	✓ 979 ✓	" 24	Russia and China. Gives a sketch of the proposed Telegraph Convention between, Enc. a translation of said Convention, and c. of Corresp. with T.O. on the subject.	12/6
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy of Legn	"	" 26	Accounts.	12/6
J.D. Cheshire, Interpreter	"	" 28	Accounts. Two despatches.	12/6
Charles Denby	980-2	" 28	Accounts.	12/6
	983	" 28	Passport Returns.	12/6
	984	" 28	Accounts.	12/6
	985	" 28	451-3 rec'd.	12/6

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Charles Denby	986	Oct 29	Russia and China. Enc. c. of his note of Oct 26 to F.O., presenting his objections to the proposed Telegraph Convention between, Enc. also, a clipping on the subject.	12/6
	987	" 30	Universal Peace Union. Enc. c. of a letter of Sept 7, 1889, from the, to the Emperor of China.	12/12
	988	" 31	Claim of Louis McCaslin vs. China. Gives a history of the negotiations rel. to the, F.O. refuses to allow said claim. See his No. 677.	12/6
	989	" 31	Financial Statistics of China. Enc. his Report on the,	12/6
	990	Nov 1	Consulates in China. Asks for permission to make a tour of inspection of the, Gives reasons for the request.	12/6
	991	" 3	Pub. Doc. Has rec'd Vols. 121-131 of U. S. Reports.	12/12
	992	" 5	Foreign Office. Gives a sketch of the origin, constitution, powers and personnel of the,	12/12
	993	" 5	Passports for Frank E. Meigs and Edward J. Williams. Enc. c. of his letter of Oct 29 to the Consul General at Shanghai, giving his reasons for declining to issue,	12/12
	994	" 6	Letters Rogatory in China. Makes a Report on the mode of executing,	12/12
	995	" 6	453-4 and Circulars of Sept. 18, 24 and 27, rec'd.	12/12
	996	" 6	Printed enclosures to despatches. Explains the difficulty of sending more than two copies of, Refers to Dept's No. 122, of Nov. 29, 1886. Reply to No. 454.	12/12
	997	" 8	Extraterritorial jurisdiction over offences committed on foreign vessels in Chinese waters is held by British authorities to be determined by the nationality of the defendant, not that of the vessel, except as between vessels of Great Britain and U. S. Case of murder of Capt Thomas O'Brien (American) on the Br. ship "Sea Swallow" by sailors from Manila (Spanish colony).	12/28
	998	" 9	Weights and Measures. Has sent report to Superintendent of Bureau of.	12/28
	999	" 10	Cremation in China. Report on.	12/28
	1000	" 13	Suppression of Chinese book, hostile to foreigners, entitled 'Death Blow to Corrupt Doctrines' has been ordered by the Yamên. Enc. note from Yamên announcing	12/21
	1001	" 12	Revenue of China. Report on amount and expenses of collection of.	12/28
	1002	" 12	Financial. Fluctuations in relative values of gold and silver and in the rate of exchange, are disastrous and Govt interference with the subject is deprecated by business men in China	12/21
	1003	" 13	Man-of-war. Has requested Admiral Belknap to station one at Chinkiang during winter & spring	12/28
Charles Denby Jr.		" 15	Accounts	12/28
Charles Denby	1004	" 18	455-456 rec'd.	1890 1/16
	1005	" 19	Lot purchased by American missionaries in China and for. Enc. letter of 3d inst. from Rev. Gilbert Reid, complaining of the seizure by the local authorities of a, and his reply of this date, giving his reasons for declining to apply to F.O. for its surrender.	1/16
	1006	" 20	Trade regulations for Corean ports, published by the Chinese Govt. Enc. a copy of the new,	1/16
	1007	" 21	Riot at Nan-kang Fu. Reports the recent destruction of two missionary chapels in a,	1/16
	1008	"	Claim of Rev. Gilbert Reid vs. China for injuries received in a riot at the Nan Fu Nov. 28. 1887. Has presented to F.O. the, Enc Mr. Reid's statement.	1/16
	1009	" 26	Mining in China. Enc a clipping rel to,	1/16
	1010	" 29	Thanksgiving Day at the Legation. Describes the celebration of,	1/16
	1011	" 29	Flags and Stationery requested.	1/16
	1012	" 30	457-467 rec'd.	1/16
	1013	Dec. 9	Corea and China. Enc. new Chinese regulations, applying Chinese Customs Rules to Corean ports.	6/20
	1014	Dec. 9	Pub. Doc. Is two copies of the "Customs Gazette" for July-Sept. 1889, and one copy of "Opium Trade" for Jan-Mar, 1889.	1/29
	1015	" 20	Pub. Doc. Has ordered for Dept the "Chronicle and Directory for China, the Philippines &c"	2/12
	1016	" 18	Silver coins in China. Gives information rel to the circulation of foreign.	2/12
	1017	" 29	Russia and China. Reports the probable failure of the negotiations for a Telegraph Convention between, Refers to his Nos. 979 and 986.	2/18
	1018	" 30	Travel certificate for Chun Ar fat. Enc his letter of 29th inst. to the U. S. Consul at Amoy, rel. to a, States the facts in the case. Gives reasons why travel certificates for the interior of China, should be issued only for the proposed trip, instead of a year, as at present.	2/18
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter		1890 Jan. 1	Accounts. Two despatches.	2/18
Charles Denby	1019-1021	" 1	Accounts.	2/18

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		1890		1890
Charles Denby	1022	Jan. 2	Passport Returns.	3/1
	1023	" 4	Target practice Station in China. Has been requested by Rear Admiral Belknap to ask the Chinese Gov't to concede a place for a permanent U.S. Naval, Enc. his reply of this date, advising him to select a locality, and then to apply to the local authorities.	3/1
	1024	" 6	New Year's calls at the Legation. Enc a list of Chinese officials who made,	3/1
	1025	" 7	Summary of events in China during the year 1889.	3/1
	1026	" 10	Political notabilities of China. Describes the principal,	3/1
	1027	" 10	No 469 and Circulars of Oct 25 and Nov. 11, 1889, rec'd.	3/1
Howard Martin, Sec'y of Leg'n	—	" 9	Accounts.	3/1
Charles Denby	1028	" 10	Accounts.	3/1
	1029-31	" 11	Accounts.	3/1
	1032	" 14	Claim of Rev. Gilbert Reid. Enc his note of Nov. 23, 1889, to T.Y., presenting the personal note of Dec 1 from T.Y. stating that the Governor of Shantung had been asked for a Report on the subject, and note of 10th inst. from T.Y. enclosing a Report from the local Authorities at Chinan fu, stating that the money paid for the lot in Chinan fu, will be refunded to the missionaries on the surrender of the title deeds for the same.	3/17
	1033	" 16	Accounts.	3/17
	1034	" 16	470-471 rec'd.	3/17
	1035	" 17	Passport Returns.	3/17
	1036	" 22	Accounts.	3/17
Charles Denby Jr, 2d Sec'y of Leg'n	—	" 20	Accounts.	3/17
J.D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 23	Accounts. Too despatches.	3/17
Charles Denby	1037	" 26	Claim of Rev. Gilbert Reid. Enc. cor. with the Yamen shewing that if the claim is pressed it is likely to excite the people.	4/4
	1038	" 30	Ceremonial visit of the Diplomatic corps to the Yamên. Describes a recent,	4/1
	1039	" 30	Liquors. Describes the various Chinese.	4/1
	1040	" 31	Political. Gives a sketch of the character and policy of the Emperor.	4/1
	1041	Feb 1	472-473 rec'd.	4/1
	1042	" 2	474-483 rec'd.	4/15
	1043	" 3	Claim of Louis McCaslin vs. China. Will forward corresp. rel to the, as soon as the copies can be made. Refers to Dept's No. 476.	4/15
	1044	" 3	Yellow River. Will be happy to give Mr. Corthell any assistance in his power in procuring the desired information rel to the. Reply to No. 453.	4/15
	1045	" 4	Lot belonging to American missionaries in Chinan fu. Enc a letter of Jan. 10 from the missionaries, in reply to his note of Nov. 19, 1889, shewing that neither they nor the Chinese local Authorities had regarded the purchase of the country property as a settlement of their claim to the city lot which they had bought and paid for, and the title deeds of which they hold, but expressing their willingness to accept another city lot in exchange. Refers to his No. 1005.	4/1
	—	—	Claim of Rev. Gilbert Reid vs. China. In the same letter of Jan 10, the missionaries express their surprise at learning from Minister's letter of Nov. 19, 1889, that he had not yet made a formal presentation of the private,	
	1046	" 5	Accounts.	4/1
	1047	" 6	Yellow River. Reports the appt'm't of Chang Yao, Gov'r of Shantung, as Sup't of the works on the	4/15
	1048	" 6	Coinage &c. of China. Has forwarded to the Director of the Mint his Report on the.	4/1
	1049	" 9	Claim of Louis McCaslin vs. China. Enc corresp. with T.Y. rel to the. Reply to No. 476.	4/15
	1050	" 18	Railroad from Hankow to Peking. Describes the preparations for the construction of the,	4/15
	1051	" 18	Hostility to foreigners at Canton. Regards it as the most hostile city in China. Thinks that he could do some good by going there at this time. Refers to his Nos. 175 and 670. Repeats the application made in his No. 990. Reply to No. 487.	4/15
	1052	" 18	Disturbances in Formosa. Reports serious.	4/15
	1053	" 18	Yellow River. Describes the progress of the works on the.	4/15
	1054	" 19	Tea. Describes recent improvements in the cultivation of,	4/15
	1055	" 20	Frauds in Examinations in China. Describes measures taken to prevent.	4/15
	1056	" 20	Thibet and British India. Reports a temporary settlement of the difficulty between.	4/15
	1057	" 25	Yellow River. Enc a clipping rel to the,	4/15
	1058	" 26	Passports and Travel Certificates. Suggests that Dept issue a Circular to the U.S. Consuls in China, prescribing the manner of making application for. Gives his reasons for the suggestion.	4/15

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		1890		1890
Charles Denby	1059	Mar 3	Honors conferred by the Emperor on attaining his twentieth year. Reports the.	4/15
	1060	" 3	Political. Gives his reasons for thinking that there will be no war in Europe for some years.	4/15
	1061	" 6	Passports for naturalized American citizens. Enc. a form of certificate which he has sent to the U. S. Consul at Amoy to be used in the case of applications for. Renews his recommendation that a circular embodying full information with regard to passports, be prepared, and sent to all the U. S. Consuls in China. Refers to his No. 1058.	4/15
	1062	" 10	Condolence with the Secretary of State on his recent family afflictions. Expresses his,	4/25
	1063	" 14	Consular fees. Recommends greater strictness with regard to searches on,	4/25
	1064	" 14	Pub. Doc. Re. the "Customs Gazette" for October-December, 1889.	4/25
	1065	" 14	Anti-Christian book entitled "Death Blow to Corrupt Doctrines". Enc. corresp. between the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and T. O., rel. to the suppression of a certain, Refers to his No. 1064	4/25
	1066	" 14	Pub. Doc. Enc. two copies of the "List of Chinese Light Houses &c"	4/25
	1067	" 14	Pub. Doc. Re. two copies of the Medical Reports of the Maritime Customs.	4/25
	1068	" 18	Admission into the U. S. of Dr. Alvin T. Howe, a Christian Chinese physician employed by the Methodist Mission at Peking. Requests instrs. as to the steps to be taken to procure the,	5/5
	1069	" 18	Yellow River. Enc. two clippings rel. to the works on the,	5/5
	1070	" 19	Railroad from Kaiping to Kirin. Relates facts showing the military necessity of a,	5/5
	1071	" 21	Opening of Chinkiang to foreign trade. Reports the,	5/5
	1072	" 22	489-493 rec'd.	5/5
	1073	" 22	Duplicates of Legation's Nos. 152 and 434. Ack. No. 494 asking for. No despatches bearing said numbers, ever were sent.	5/5
	1074	" 23	Pilgrimage of the Emperor to the Eastern Mausolea. Describes the,	5/5
	1075	" 25	Pub. Doc. Re. two copies of "Tariff Returns".	5/5
	1076	" 28	Telegraph convention between Russia and China. Describes his interview of 24th inst. with the Yamen, in which he protested against the ratification of the proposed. Enc. corresp. Refers to his Nos. 971, 979, 986 and 1017.	5/5
	1077	" 29	Same subject. Enc. a clipping on the,	5/5
	1078	" 29	Same subject. Enc. a clipping on the,	5/5
	1079	" 29	Stationery received.	5/5
	1080	" 31	Opium. Gives his reasons for declining to comply with the request of certain delegates of the British Anti-Opium Society for his aid in endeavoring the Chinese Gov't to prohibit the importation and cultivation of,	5/5
	1081	" 31	Political. Reports that Chang Yin Huan, late Chinese Minister to the U. S. has been appointed a Minister of the Tsung li Yamên.	5/5
Charles Denby jr. 2d Sec'y of Legn	—	" 31	Accounts.	5/16
Charles Denby	1082	Apr 1	Railroads in China. Reports the probable construction of certain,	5/16
	1083	" 2	Telegraph convention between Russia and China. Enc his note of 31st ult. to T. O., stating certain additional objections to the proposed. Refers to his No. 1076.	5/16
	1084	" 2	495 ack.	4/4
	1085	" 4	Accounts.	5/17
T. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 5	Accounts. Two despatches.	5/16
Charles Denby	1086	" 5	Accounts.	5/16
	1087	" 7	Accounts.	5/16
	1088	" 8	Passport Returns.	5/16
	1089	" 8	497-503 rec'd.	5/16
	1090	" 9	Population of Peking and date of last census. Last census was taken in 1882 & estimated population is 1,300,000. Refers to No 580.	5/29
	1091	" 9	Claims of Rev. Dr. A. A. Fulton vs. China. Enc his note of June 27, 1889. to T. O., urging the settlement of the, and his letter of Sept. 7, 1889, to the U. S. Consul at Canton, suggesting that he apply to the new Viceroy at Canton for the payment of said claims. Refers to Dept's No. 499.	5/29
	1092	" 9	Customs Service of China. Gives a sketch of the history and services of the Maritime,	5/29
	1093	" 9	Newspapers for Legation.	5/29
	1094	" 15	Opening of Chinkiang to foreign trade. Reports the,	5/29
	1095	" 16	Accounts.	5/29
	1096	" 17	Nestorian tablet at Si-ngan-fu. The Chinese Gov't has given orders for the preservation of the, Enc. corresp. between the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and T. O. on the subject.	5/29
	1097	" 19	Tel'd to Canton. Text of Dept's tel. of 17th inst.	5/29

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		1890		1890
Charles Denby	1098	Apr 22	Trade of China for 1889. Makes a Report on the foreign	5/29
	1099	" 23	Death of Marquis Tseng. Enc. corresp. with F.O. on the occasion of the, Gives a sketch of Tseng's life and character.	5/29
	1100	" 23	Opium. Describes the drain of currency in China caused by the importation of.	5/29
F.D. Cheshire Interpreter	—	" 26	Accounts. Two despatches.	5/29
Charles Denby	1101-3	" 26	Accounts.	5/29
	1104	" 26	Passport Returns. Duplicates.	5/29
	1105	" 26	Accounts.	5/29
	1106	" 27	Tariff Returns. Enc. a clipping rel. to the Chinese.	6/11
	1107	" 28	504-505 rec'd.	6/11
	1108	" 30	Tea. Enc. a translation of an article on,	6/11
	1109	" 30	Railroads in China. Gives information rel. to certain proposed,	6/11
	1110	May 5	Departure for Canton via Shanghai, on the 7th inst. Reports his approaching,	6/20
	1111	" 5	Duplicate of his No. 1013 enclosed. Reply to No. 507. No No. 939 was sent.	6/20
	1112	" 5	506-510 and Circular of Mar 20, rec'd.	6/20
	1113	" 5	Claim of Louis McCaslin vs. China. Enc. his note of this date to F.O, repeating the request for a joint investigation of the facts rel. to the, Reply to No. 510.	6/20
	1114	" 10	Transit passes. Enc. a note of 10th inst. from F.O, and one of 9th inst. from the German Minister as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, rel. to the limitation of.	6/20
	1115	" 22	Exclusion of Chinese from U.S. Viceroy understands that new act has been passed. Desires a new treaty & has tel. Min. at Washington to that effect. Describes interview with him.	8/5
	1116	" 29	512 & 517 rec'd.	8/6
Charles Denby, Jr., 2nd Secy of Legn.	—	June 6	Leave of absence for sixty days reqstd	8/5
	Tel.	" 8	Claims. "All claims settled."	
	1117	" 11	Customs Returns of Trade and Trade Reports, 1889 forwd	8/6
	1118	" 17	Railways. Rumored petition signed by Tientsin elders for permission to build the Tientsin-Jungchow line.	
	1119	" 18	Missionary Conference held in Shanghai. Objects & work of,	8/6
	1120	" 27	Naval policy of China; to withdraw their administration from the hands of foreigners	8/20
	1121	" 28	Telegraph Convention. The project believed to be dead. Clipping	8/20
	1122	July 24	511 & 536 rec'd.	8/28
Howard Martin, Secy Legn.	—	" 1	Accounts	8/28
F.D. Cheshire Interpreter	—	" 28	Accounts. Loss by Exchg.	8/28
	—	" 28	Accounts. Salary	8/28
Charles Denby Jr. 2nd Secy	—	June 30	Accounts. Salary	8/6
Charles Denby	1123	July 25	Chinese Exclusion Act. Encs complaint of F.O. rel to. Has declined to discuss question until instructed. Chinese Enumeration bill and San Francisco ordinance rel. to Chinese. Encs Corrs. rel. to	9/22
	1124	" 26	Floods at Peking reported. Great damage done Legation buildings are greatly damaged by floods. Suggests that owners be asked to make repairs	9/22
	1125	" 26	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Has written for information rel. to on receipt of which he will address F.O. on the subject. Reply to 512	9/22
	1125bis	" 26	Claim of Louis McCaslin vs. China. Has transmitted Depts 517 rel. to, to the F.O. and will seek an interview on the subject.	9/22
	1126	" 26	Trade disputes with foreign merchants at Pakhoi. Encs note announcing appointment of special Chinese officer to settle same.	9/22
	1129	" 28	Account for trip to Canton &c.	9/22
	1130	" 28	Shanghai Census for 24 June 1890. Return encd	9/22
	1130bis	" 28	Account for salary	9/22
	1131	" 28	Account for rent.	9/22
	1132	" 29	Account for loss by exchange	9/22
	1133	" 29	Passport returns for quarter ending June 30. 1890	9/22
	1134	" 30	Trip to various ports. Report on Claims of Americans at Canton. Settlement of for $14000. reported and interview with Viceroy	9/22

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Charles Denby E.E.& M.P.	1135	July 25	#587 and 588 recd.	9/22
	1136	Aug 2.	Hainan Island. Report on its physical features, products & population: also missionary labors in.	9/22
	#1137	" 3	Consular Court Regulations. Submits regulation for expediting from execution debtor's property to value of $500 in China, for consideration of Dept.	9/22
	1138	" 3	Cotton mill at Shanghai. Reports establishment and wooting of	9/22
	#1139	" 4	Ill treatment of Chinese by municipal authorities of San Francisco. Points out difference between position of U.S. Minister to China and Chinese Minister to U.S. growing out of the treaties and the peculiar position of China. Reply to #539. Refers to his #1128.	9/22
	1140	" 4	Hydrography of closed Chinese ports. Has joined his colleagues in asserting treaty right of foreign ships to make soundings and surveys in Notwick	9/22
	1141-1144	" 9	Accounts: duplicate	9/22
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 9	Accounts: duplicate. Two despatches	9/22
Charles Denby	1145	" 9	Passport returns duplicate	9/22
	#1146	" 11	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Encl note to F.O. rel. to. Refers to #1125	9/22
	1147	" 12	Account for Contingent Expenses	9/22
	1148	" 12	Floods in Chihli reported. Railway embankment destroyed on pretext that it dammed up the waters. Tongshan Colliery stopped	9/22
	1149	" 18	#543 & #544 asked.	10/6
	1150	" 16	Marriage ceremony bet. Americans in China. Is of the opinion that as a matter of wise precaution the ceremony should be performed in the presence of a consul	10/6
	#1151	" 20	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. The Yamen reiterates its refusal to pay any compensation to the missionaries. Useless to press the case at present.	10/6
	#1152	" 20	Corea & China. Customs regulation placing goods imported from Corea into China on the same footing as if they came from a Chinese port. Comments upon.	10/6
	#1153	" 21	Chungking declared an open port. Copy of agreement & convention enc.	10/6
	1154	" 22	Accounts	10/6
	1155	" 28	Description of Sz. chuen. Agricultural & mineral resources. City of Chungking made a treaty port.	10/6
	1156	" 28	Duplicates of 1037 & 1084 enc.	10/6
	1157	" 28	#545 & #547 recd.	10/6
	1158	" 28	Maritime Customs Gazette for Oct	10/6
Howard Martin, Secy of Legn.	"	" 25	Duplicates of disp. #1037 & #1084 enc.	11/4
Charles Denby	1159	Sept 3	Accounts	11/4
	#1160	" 10	Claim of Russell & Co. Enc. copy of letter to For. Off. reviewing the claim & asking that some action may be taken	11/4
	1161	"	Coinage. Discusses the change in value of silver & the effect of the silver bill. Describes new coins.	10/30
	1162	" 15	Accounts.	11/8
	#1163	" 21	Claim of Russell & Co. Enc. copy of letter from For. Off. in which they state that no judgement was rendered in the court, in favor of claimants, at Foochow a fact which it has hitherto always conceded.	11/8
	1164	" 26	Coinage. Proclamation has been issued by viceroy making new Canton coins legal tender thro. Empire	11/8
	1165	" 27	#548 & #549 recd.	11/20
	1166-7	Oct. 1	Accounts	11/20
	1168	" 1	Passport returns	11/20
F. D. Cheshire	"	" 1	Accounts. Two despatches	11/20
Charles Denby	1169	" 4	German interests at Foochow. Ger. Min. requests that Con. Gracey be permitted to care for. Min. consents	11/20
	1170	" 6	Silk culture in China. Enc. pamph. on.	11/20
	1171	" 7	Accounts	11/20
Charles Denby, Jr.	"	" 7	Accounts	11/28
Howard Martin, Secy. of Legn.	"	" 1	Accounts	11/28
Charles Denby	1172	" 9	Furniture for Legn. Requests that be allowed to expend from 4 to 6 hundred dollars for,	11/28
	1173	" 16	Seizure of goods of M.A. Jenkins by Likin authorities. Goods were in excess of amt. allowed by Transit Pass. Min. is appealed to request return of goods. Enc. desp. with encs. from Con. at Hankow	11/28
	11745	" 16	Accounts (dup.)	11/28
	1176	" 16	Passport returns	11/28
	1177	" 16	Accounts	12/3
F. D. Cheshire	"	" 21	Accounts.	

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D. Detchshine, Interpreter	~	Oct. 21	Accounts.	12/3
Chas. Denby, U.S. & M. P.	1178	" 21	Financial. Negotiations for a foreign loan suspended. Want of money to meet current expenses. Great suffering & discontent among the people. Great fear & dread of Russia.	12/3
	1179	" 21	Accounts.	12/3
	1180	" 21	Opium. (Native) Opposition to the growth of, suspended, Energetic measures to be taken to collect a tax upon,	12/3
	1181	" 22	Exclusion Act. Encs. letter from the For. Off. complaining that no answer has been made to their request for its repeal & asking that a specific reply be finally made	12/3
	1182	" 23	Accounts.	12/3
	1183	" 24	Cable. Trans-Pacific. Discusses the advantages of, & probable profit	12/3
	1184	" 27	Collisions at Sea. Act rel. to rec'd	12/15
	1185	" 28	Poor debtors. Encs. Con. Court Regulation providing for granting an exemption to, of means of the value of $800.	12/15
	1186	" 28	Consular Court Regulations. Encs. a copy of, & requests that a new edition be printed and distributed in China.	12/15
	1187	" 30	Exclusion Act. Encs. translation of a letter from the For. Office demanding its repeal.	12/15
	1188	Nov. 6	World's Fair at Chicago. Repts. the arrival of Prof. Romyn Hitchcock, Commissioner & the sending of a communication to the For. Off. asking China to participate in.	12/15
	1189	" 7	Theater at Ningpo operated by Chas. McCaslin closed for refusal to pay the license tax. Theater reopened by the consul who issues a proclamation directing the people to preserve order & "respect" the proclamation under pain of severe punishment. Has the "Monosacy" come to Ningpo. Min. disapproves his course. Encs. corresp'd	12/15
	1191	" 7	Brick tea. Account of the trade in.	12/15
	1190	" 7	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Mission is willing to surrender its claim to its suburban property if it can secure property in the city to carry on its work.	12/30
	1192	" 13	Same subject. Encs. letter from Yamen stating that action of missionaries is at variance with former representations	1/17
	1193	" 14	Accounts.	12/30
	1194	" 14	Accounts.	12/30
	1195	" 14	World's Fair. For. Off. announces that China will take part in.	12/30
	1196	" 17	Transit passes. Has directed Consuls to agree with local authorities as to a period of limitation for outward export passes, after expiration of period such passes should be barred.	1/17
	1197	" 15	Censors in China. Power of. Encs. Edict commenting on a censor's memorial attacking the Throne for extravagance in repairing a palace.	1/17
	1198	" 15	Embassy to Corea to present condolence of China on the death of the Queen Dowager. Repts. sending of. How it will be rec'd. Position of Corea as regards China.	1/17
	1199	" 15	Corea. Encs. clipg. giving historical & geographical acct. of, & stating Chinese views as to its protection	1/17
	1200	" 15	Yellow River. Enc. Edict giving thanks to its god for its being peaceful.	1/17
	1201	" 18	550-559 ack'd	1/17
	1202	" 20	Consular Court Regulations. Exemption to poor debtors. Arguments in favor of an exemption in money instead of an exemption of particular property.	1/17
	1203			
	1204	" 24	Death of the Vice-Roy Tseng Kuochuan. Account of his life & character	1/17
	1205	" 26	Camphor monopoly. Encs. correspondence showing that For. Mins. hold that it is in violation of the rules adopted in 1869 & that they are still in force & demand the abrogation of the monopoly	1/21
	1206	" 26	Transit passes. Encs. communications to the For. Off. shewing that Mins. object to local authorities discussing any questions rel. to, with the consuls.	1/21
	1207	" 26	Degradation of Liu Ming Chuan, Gov. of Formosa, in rank. His progressive spirit occasioned his unpopularity. Acct. of his services & work	1/21
	1208	" 29	Customs Gazette &. Statement of Am exports & imports	1/21
	1209	" 29	Collisions at Sea. Act of Congress &. to For. Off.	1/21
	1210	Dec. 2	Camphor monopoly. For. Office states that matter has been repred to Gov. of Formosa	1/21
	1211	" 9	Supplies req'd.	1/21
	1212	" 13	Claim of Louis McCaslin vs. China. Encs. translation of Yamen's last note of Dec. 8th declining to open up the judgement at Ningpo	2/7
Tel.		" 13	Sustained. Telegram issued ordering payment. For. Mins.	
	1213	" 15	Claim of Russell & Co. No judgement was rendered by the arbitrating comprodors they recommended that the parties should meet & discuss the points when the result could easily be ascertained at. Encs. letter to Consul at Amoy	2/7

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Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	1214	Dec. 15	Audience to Foreign Ministers. Confirms tel. of 13th inst.: Decree issued ordering audience for Mess.	2/7
	1216	" 15	Same subject. States that it was an entirely voluntary act upon the part of the Govt: Believes it will be of great benefit	2/7
	1216	" 16	Sikkim & Thibet. Encs. convention bet. China & Gt. Brit. fixing the boundary bet.	2/7
	1217	" 16	Medical Repts. forwd.	2/10
	1218	" 19	Pub. Doc. for Wm. J. Newman sent with #563 recd.	2/10
	1218	" 24	Audience to Foreign Ministers. Encs. protocol of meeting of Dec. 18th signed by the ministers	2/20
	1219	" 24	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Letter from Rev. G. Reid states that the situation is more favorable. Asks if he may go to Chinanfu & undertake settlement of difficulty.	2/20
Howard Martin Chas. Denby & C.	"	" 31	Accounts.	2/20
	1220	" 29	Forms regtd	2/20
	1221	Jan. 1	Events in 1890. Review of important ones.	2/20
	1222	" 5	Theater at Ningpo operated by Chas. McCaslin. Case settled. Taotai has consented to reopening of.	2/20
	1223	" 6	Accounts.	2/20
	1224	" 6	Railroads. Leinsi extension of Haiping road opened to the public eleven miles	2/20
	1225	" 6	World's Fair. Encs. clipg. rel. to, Awaiting formal invitation.	2/20
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	"	" 6	Accounts.	2/20
Chas. Denby, E.E.&M.P.	1226	" 6	Death of Prince Chun, father of the Emperor. Encs. Edict rel. to, Character of deceased.	3/9
	1227	" 8	Audience to Foreign Ministers. U.S. Min. appt. to conduct negotiations with For. Off. rel. to,	3/9
	1228	" 9	Passport returns encd.	3/9
	1229	" 13	Riot at Chiming Chow reported. For. Off. urges to protect foreigners.	3/9
	1230	" 14	Death of the Father of the Emperor. Encs. Edict prescribing rules to be observed.	3/9
	1231	" 15	Tea culture. Encs. clipg. giving E. Pinches proposals to Govt. for establishment of model farm	3/17
	1232	" 15	Coal mining in Shepeh. Viceroy encourages the opening of mines & promises a market for all coal produced.	3/17
	1233	" 20	Collisions at Sea. Encs. reply of Govt. to Note transmitting act rel. to, Subject has been referred.	3/27
	Feb. 1234	" 24	Credentials. Please send letter of credence or affirm one that I have.	3/27
	1235	" 26	Audience to Foreign Ministers. Encs: memo. of interview with Yamen. Rept. of action taken by foreign representatives, & schedule of ceremony. Suggests new letter of credence.	3/27
	1235	" 27	Sikkim & Thibet. Encs. convention bet. Gt. Brit & China fixing boundaries bet.	3/27
	1236	" 28	Audience to Foreign Ministers. Encs. Protocol of meeting of Foreign representatives & paper on the audience by the Dean	3/27
	1237	" 28	Telegraph bet. Pekin & Kiachta. Rumors that Govt. had ordered line to be built not true.	3/27
	1238	" 29	Trade & Commerce of China for 1890. Rept. upon, Effect of silver bill upon,	3/27
Charles Denby, Jr., 2nd Secy of Legn. Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	"	" 27	Accounts	3/27
	1239	Feb. 2	Accounts	3/27
	1240	" 3	New Years call of Chinese Officials. List of,	3/27
	1241	" 3	Revenue. Estimates of,	3/27
	1242	" 6	Coinage report sent to Director of the Mint	4/13
	1243	" 6	Accounts	3/27
	1244	" 9	#566-#569 ack'd.	4/13
	1245-6	" 11	Accounts	4/13
F. D. Cheshire Charles Denby	"	" 12	Accounts (2 disp.)	4/13
	1247	" 13	Passport returns.	4/13
	1248	" 13	Accounts	4/13
	1249	" 14	Accounts	4/13
	1050	" 23	Audience to Foreign Ministers. Encs. six papers rel. to,	4/13
	1253-4	" 26	Accounts	4/13
	1255	" 27	#571-#573 ack'd.	4/13
	1256	" 28	Audience to Foreign Ministers. Encs. papers showing final arrangements for reception	4/21
	1257	" 28	Accounts	4/13
	1258	Mar. 2	Extra territorial jurisdiction in China. Repts. plan proposed by Min. fr. Netherlands to establish one court for all treaty powers in each foreign settlement.	4/21
	1259	" 4	Pub. Docs. Forwd.	4/21
	1260	" 2	Audience to Foreign Ministers. Encs. protocols of meetings held by foreign representatives rel. to	4/21
	Tel.	" 6	"Audience had yesterday."	

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Charles Denby, E. E. & M. P.	✓ 1261	Mch 10	Missionary troubles at Shimanfu & Shiming Shou. Encs. letter fr. For. Off. stating that local authorities have been instd. to take action & asks whether U. S. has observed treaty provisions rel. to protection of Chinese in Am.	4/22
	1262	" 10	Banquet to Diplomatic Corps by order of Emperor. Encs. speeches made at,	4/22
	1263	" 10	Minister from Jap. asks when his successor is likely to arrive in China &	4/22
			audience to foreign ministers. Description of, & addresses enc'd	
	1264	" 12	#572-#575 & #577-578 rec'd.	4/22
	✓ 1265 ✓	" 14	Claim of Russell & Co. States that magistrate failed in his duty in not rendering judgement for full amt. for this negligence local officials are liable on this ground will continue to press claim. Gov't of Formosa has offered to pay $15,000. thinks he will get up to $25,000. which claimants will probably accept. Encs. letter to For. Off.	4/30
	1266	" 16	Missionaries. Placards adverse to, prohibited by Prefect at Foochow. Proclamations enc'd	4/30
	1267	" 16	#579-#584 rec'd.	4/30
	✓ 1268 ✓	" 18	Claim of Russell & Co. Encs. letter fr. For. Off. stating that Gov't of Formosa has been instd. to lose no time in directing local authorities to close up matter.	4/30
	1269	" 19	World's Fair. Docs. rel. to have been sent to Booth	4/30
	1270	" 20	Accounts.	4/30
	✓ 1271 ✓	" 20	Chungking. Encs. papers rel. to official opening of,	4/30
	1272	" 24	Accounts	4/30
	1273	" 27	Trade, Foreign, of China for 1890. Rept. upon	4/30
	1274	" 28	Alliance bet. Japan & China. Repts. that no such alliance is contemplated	4/30
F. D. Cheshire	✓	April 1	Accounts	6/13
Charles Denby	1275	Mar. 31	#586-#590 rec'd.	6/13
	✓ 1276 ✓	" 31	Consular Court Regulations. Exemption of poor debtors. Requests that the regulation be treated as not having arrived & that Dept. continue to hold it	6/13
	1277	April 1	World's Fair. Encs. translation of China's acceptance of invitation & asking that space be reserved & that Chin. exhibitors may be properly looked after	5/13
	1278	" 1	Accounts	5/13
	1279	" 1	Legation premises. Gives condition of, & repairs needed & recommends that provision be made in lease for building a new building for public offices	5/13
	1280	" 1	Accounts	5/13
	1281	" 1	Accounts	5/13
	1282	" 1	Passport returns	5/13
	1283	" 2	Travel thro. Siberia. Permission to, refused Rev. Paul D. Bergen a missionary. Russia does not allow ecclesiastics to go thro. provinces for of proselytism & riots	5/13
	✓ 1284 ✓	" 3	Seizure of goods of M. A. Jenkins in excess of amt. allowed by transit pass by Lekin authorities. Encs. dispatch fr. Consul at Hankow describing goods seized & stating that they were spread over goods in boats. States that it will be difficult to convince Govt. that such goods can be sent up river without paying Likin or Transit Pass duties	5/13
	—	Mch 27	Secretary of Leg'n. Howard Martin: Indebtedness of, to merchants in China. Reports on the matter & encloses a letter from Mr. Martin in explanation.	5/2
Charles Denby, Jr.	✓	April 7	Accounts	6/3
Howard Martin	✓	" 8	Accounts	6/3
Charles Denby	1285-6	" 10-11	Accounts	6/3
	1287	" 13	#591-#597 rec'd. Corrects errors in numbering	6/3
	1288-9	" 15	Accounts	6/3
	1290	" 15	Passport returns	6/3
F. D. Cheshire	✓	" 15-16	Accounts	6/3
Charles Denby	1291	" 20	Accounts	6/3
	✓ 1292 ✓	" 21	Seizure of Kerosene belonging to Russell & Co. at Anping. Authorities imposed a lekin tax & fine payment of which was refused on ground that such tax could not be imposed on foreign owned goods at treaty port. Officials assert that goods did not belong to the Russells but to a Chinese firm. Hong of Russells was also wrongfully entered. Encs. note to For. Office setting forth facts & asking redress.	6/4
	1293	" 21	#598-#602 ask'd	6/4
	1294	" 24	Wax, White, Account of the manufacture of, & its uses	6/4
F. D. Cheshire	✓	" 27	Accounts.	6/4

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Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	✓ 1295	April 30	Chungking. Encs. note from For. Office stating that it has been made an open port. States that it is in the Hankow consular district	6/4
	✓ 1296	May 2	Seizure of Kerosene belonging to Russell & Co. at Anping. Enc's. letter from For. Office stating that they have not received any report as to facts of case but make unfavorable conclusions from facts presented by Minister. Asks authority to present claim	6/5
	1297	" 2	Land conveyed for hospital uses to U.S. on Kulangsu Island. Encs. letter to claimant Mr. Patrick Hanson stating that minister could not aid him to secure title to land as it would be in conflict with terms of grant.	6/5
	✓ 1298	" 7	Seizure of Kerosene belonging to Russell & Co. Encs. note to For. Off. controverting arguments of its note Enc'd in his 1296.	6/20
	1299	" 9	Extradition. Moore's Treatise on rec'd.	6/30
	1300	" 11	World's Fair. China will appoint a commission. Gives sect. of arguments used by him to induce China to participate. Governmental exhibit doubtful	6/30
	✓ 1301	" 12	Seizure of Kerosene belonging to Russell & Co. Encs. note from For. Off. stating that it has ordered Govr of Formosa to rept. on case	6/30
	1302	" 16	Railways. Reports that system is to be vigorously pushed in North China.	6/30
	✓ 1303	" 18	Claim of Russell & Co. Enc's. note from For. Off. offering to pay $15,000.- & suggesting that a mutual accounting between parties be had	6/30
	✓ 1304	" 20	Riots at Wuhu agst. foreigners. Enc's. note addressed to For. Off. by foreign representatives. Describes riots & suggests increase of naval force	6/30
	1305	" 21	Opium. Encs. resolutions adopted by a religious society in U. S. which he was requested to present to Chinese authorities but which he has refused to do. Gives statistics rel. to decrease of importation of opium & increase of production of native product.	7/1
	1306	" 21	Financial. Encs. treatise on currency of China	7/1
	1307	" 21	*603-606 rec'd	7/1
	1308	" 21	Recall Letter rec'd. Thanks Dept. for its kind expressions. Will remain in China until his successor arrives on acct. of riots agst. foreigners	7/1
	✓ 1309	" 22	Riots at Wuhu. Report upon. Foreign representatives have determined that they shall form basis of demands on China for indemnity & severe punishment of ringleaders	6/30
	Tel.	" 22	Same subject. States that Catholic mission buildings were destroyed, Am. missions threatened & a general uprising is feared	7/1
	✓ 1310	" 22	Confirms above.	7/1
	✓ 1311	" 25	Riots at Wuhu. Encs. clipngs. States that quiet prevails at present.	7/2
	✓ 1312	" 27	Riots at Nanking. States that a Methodist girl school has been fired & looted has demanded protection from For. Off. which has promised that ringleaders of mobs shall be punished & that Emperor shall issue a proclamation warning people & that local authorities shall be held personally responsible for their jurisdictions. Has fears for safety of Chinkiang, Shanghai & Hankow.	7/2
	1313	" 27	Accounts	7/2
	✓ 1314	" 28	Riots agst. foreigners. Encs. report of an interview had by committee of foreign representatives with For. Off. where action referred to in his 1312 was promised	7/2
	1315	June 1	607 & 608 rec'd	7/9
	✓ 1316	June 4	Riots in China. Enc's. note from For. Off. stating that it had made every effort to prevent riots & protect foreigners in accordance with the Treaty notwithstanding it had been made null & void by U. S.	7/9
	✓ 1317	" 5	Same subject. Govt. has taken active measures agst. rioters at Wuhu. 20 captured, Ruined buildings have been ordered to be repaired. Clipng enc'd.	7/23
	Tel.	" 8	Same subject. States that condition is serious & Emperor delays issuing edict. Riots at Nanking. Two foreigners killed. Riots appealed thro, out China	7/23
	✓ 1318	" 8	Confirms above. Gives causes of riots.	7/23
	1319	" 9	Roads of China. Description of, Memorial from Viceroy Li on repair of road through the Hankow Pass.	7/23
Error		6	~~Minister to China~~. Asks for papers rel. to his rejection by China as persona non grata	7/23

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Charles Denby, C. Gen'l. M.	1320	June 10	Riots in China. Catholic property at Wassieh destroyed. Methodist school at Nanking rebuilt. Edict for protection of missionaries promised. Catholic establishments on Yangtze doomed	7/23
	1321	" 11	Same subject. Encs. letter of foreign representatives to F.O. demanding an Imperial Edict & strong measures for protection of foreigners & the settlement of pending cases of complaints	7/23
	1322	" 11	Suspension of Russell & Co. Acct. & history of firm. Causes of failure unknown	7/23
Howard Martin	"	" 12	Accounts.	7/23
	"	" 12	Accounts. Loss by exchange.	7/23
Charles Denby	1323	" 13	Mission to China. Encs. copy of Circ. Tel. of April 23rd regarding his return to Washington &c. Riots in China. New riots reported. Shanghai in danger. Fears there may be war between China & France if troubles are not checked.	7/23
	1324	" 18	Riots in China. Encs. Imperial Edict issued for the protection of foreigners. Gives synopsis of.	8/8
	1325	" 19	609. 614 rec'd.	8/8
	1326	" 19	Riots in China. Catholic mission at Kiangyia burnt. Observations upon present situation. Fears France may order reprisals.	8/8
	1327	" 22	Formosa. Encs. note to For. Off. from foreign representatives requesting that when new governor of, visits Peking they may be informed of his arrival so that they can consult with him rel. to Lekin troubles	8/8
H. W. Blair	"	" 23	Mission to China. Resignation tendered has placed on file in Dept. means of disposing newspaper reports.	
	1328	" 23	Riots in China. Encs. copy of note to the For. Off. from foreign representatives. Denies charge of For. Off. that missionaries are responsible for riots, complains that local officials have not done their duty & that if Edict is not obeyed further measure will be taken	8/8
	1329	" 24	Exterritoriality in China. Encs. pamph. on, by J. Malcolm Bergunson	8/8
	1330	" 28	Hostility to foreigners in Manchuria. Encs. letter giving accts. of widespread excitement & hostility. Rumored among Chinese that foreigners were buying lice giving them poison & scattering them among the people	8/17
	1331	" 29	Riots in China. Reports that one occurred at Wu Hu Hien on 12th inst. during which American Missionary house was destroyed.	8/17
	1332-34	July 1	Accounts	8/17
F. D. Cheshire	"	" 2	Accounts.	8/17
Charles Denby	1335	" 2	Accounts (telgs.)	8/17
	1336	" 2	Passport returns	8/17
	1337	" 3	Riots in China. Two new riots rep'd. States that the secret society has not been overawed by the imperial edict. Thinks China is on the verge of a great rebellion.	8/17
Howard Martin	"	" 4	Accounts	8/17
Charles Denby	1338	" 5	Accounts	8/17
	1339	" 6	616-618 rec'd.	8/17
	1340	" 6	Riots in China. Acct. of interview of committee of foreign representatives with For. Off. Committee charged that proper steps had not been taken to arrest & punish leaders of riots. F.O. denied charge	8/17
Chas. Denby, Jr.	H. W. Blair	" 6	Mission to China. Asks for passport rel. to his rejection by China as persona non grata	8/17
	"	" 6	Accounts	8/17
	1341	" 11	Riots in China. Encs. letter from For. Off. shewing what measures have been taken for the protection of foreigners.	8/17
	1342	" 11	Seizure of kerosene belonging to Russell & Co. at Anping. Encs. letter from F.O. stating that property belonged to a native firm & that it has paid the Lekin dues & that the case is closed	8/17
H. W. Blair	"	" 9	Mission to China. Withdraws the tender of his resignation.	
Howard Martin	"	" 8	Indebtedness. Admits correctness of and req's leave to visit U.S. to raise suffct funds to meet.	8/31
Charles Denby	1343	" 11	Riots in China. Enc's note from Yamen reciting the measures being taken to suppress same	8/31
	1344	" 12	Chinese Subject. News outrages perpetrated at Yantai and Kiangsi. More expected at Nan Chang Fu	8/31
	1345	" 13	Claim of M. A. Jenkins. Enc's note to For. Office suggests joint Commissions similar to that now acting in Customs cases, to pass upon seizures by Lekin Officials. Reply to #618.	8/31
	1346	" 13	Riots. Enc's Yamen's Memorial req'ing the issuance of imperial edict to prevent.	8/31
	1347	" 13	Claim of A. P. Happer. Enc's note to Yamen demands that debt due to, by Chinese subject be paid before franchise of said subject, being security for the debt, be cancelled	8/31
	1348	" 13	World's Fair. Enc's note to Yamen requests proclamation to make presence of Prof. Hitchcock in China known	8/31.

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H. W. Blair	—	July 15.	Mission to China. Replies to charges of Chinese Govt; gives further explanations of his course in the Senate rel. to the Exclusion Act & states that the avowed position of China is that the nation is persona non grata and that he will be well received whenever the U.S. has purged itself of offense.	
Charles Denby Ee & M.S.	1349	" 16	Nestorian tablet at Si Ning Fu. Chinese Govt has taken steps to preserve	8/31
	1350	" 17	World's Fair. Members of Legn at Washn will represent China at	8/31
	1351	" 18	Accounts.	
	1352	" 21	Legation Building, repairs to. Difficulties have been encountered by reason of estate being in hands of executors whose intentions will have to be ascertd. #619 & 620 rec'd.	8/31
	1353-1356	" 24	Accounts _ Passport returns	8/31
	1357	" 24	Accounts.	8/31
	1358	" 24	Claim of Dr A.P. Happer. Enc's answer of Yamen offer to collect his debt and reply of the Minister who insists that Chinese Govt has no right to repudiate its grants	8/31
	1359	" 24	Pearl River: Channel in, opened to the passage of ships drawg 18 feet of water	8/31
	1360	" 24	Claim of M.A. Jenkins. Enc's answer of Yamen denying all points made by him and referring same to the Governor General	8/31
F.D. Cheshire Charles Denby Ee & M.S.	—	" 24	Accounts	8/31
	1361	" 25	#621 to 629 and circular of June 15. rec'd.	9/8
	1362	" 28	Railroad extensions. Line from Lin Tsi is to be extended to Shan Hai Kuan; U.S. Vice Consul Tientsin appointed Director of the road. Bids for 2100 feet bridge solicited in U.S.	9/8.
	1363	" 29	Riots in China. Reports threats by placards that Christian edifices in Canton will be burned about Sept. 1 next. Admiral Belknap advised; a concerted action of fleets suggested	9/8
	1364	Aug. 3	Same subject. Has instructed Amn Consuls to procure copies of proclamation by Vice Roy embodying imperial edict and distribute same to stations of Missionaries	9/8
	1365	" 7	Seizure of Kerosene belonging to Russell & Co. Consul at Amoy reports that Russell & Co have had direct communication with Governor of Formosa through Con. Agt Cowland asking to settle privately & admitting their wrong. If claims is presented by Russel & Co to the Legn it will be thoroughly examined before trans. to Chinese Govt.	9/8
	1366	" 7	Claim of Russell & Co. The assignee determined to accept $15.000 as a settlement.	9/8
	1367	" 13	Accounts for repairs.	9/18
	1368	" 14	Riots in China. Formal demand has been made by all Foreign Representns for more stringent measures for the suppression of. Explains why he joined the European Ministers and asks that sanction be sent by cable.	9/18.
	1369	" 17	World's Fair. Encs. note to For. Off. making an urgent appeal for the immediate appointment of a resident commissioner	10/10
	1370	" 19	Sugar bounties. States that China pays none.	10/10
	1371	" 19	6336-6337 rec'd.	10/10
	1372	" 19	Newspapers. Asks that N.Y. Tribune & Washington Post be sent to him.	10/10
	1373	" 21	Suspension of Russell & Co. Asks authority to go to Canton to bear with the Consul law cases affecting that firm.	10/10
	1374	" 21	Riots in Manchuria reported. Medical missionary killed.	10/10
	1375	" 28	Religious toleration in China. History of its progress. Probable effect of recent riots	10/10
	1376	" 28	Kanan. Province of, States that it is the hotbed of foreign antagonism. Account of the destruction of a telegraph line. Govt. must be compelled to subdue the province	10/10
	1377	" 29	World's Fair. Suggests that the question of the admission of Chinese laborers attending Exposition may be settled in the same manner as the question of contract laborers.	10/10
	1378	" 29	Riots in China. Encs. communication from the Govt. in reply to note of foreign Representatives endeavoring to explain away its points & the reply of the Representatives demanding that the Edict be immediately published all over the Empire & the rioters punished & official reports be made to foreign Representatives of the doings of the local officials	10/10
	1379	" 29	World's Fair. States that a resident commissioner has been appointed	10/10
	1380	" 31	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Encs. correspondence showing a contradiction between the statements made by the missionaries and those of the Yamen. F.O. states that missionaries are in possession of more than 20 acres of ground & that it is ample & sufficient for building purposes.	10/16
	1381	" 31	Missionary troubles at Chiningchou. Encs. corresp.ce showing that the Governor of Shantung has been ordered to take prompt action	10/16

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Charles Denby, E & M. P.	1382	Sept. 3	Kerosene oil. States that Likin has been reduced to 20 cents & that there has been a large increase in importation at Canton.	10/16
	1383	" 8	Hunan. Province of. Descriptive & historical account of.	10/27
	Tel.	" 10	Riots in China. Riot at Ichang. A mission destroyed. China fails to protect foreigners. Foreign ministers notified Yamen appeal will be made to their governments for action. They forward joint statement by mail.	10/27
	1384	" 10	Confirms above.	
	1385	" 10	Bond of Burnett & Co. forfeited to Govt. for shortage in the cargo of a junk arriving at Hankow States that the penalty will probably be remitted.	10/27
	1386	" 12	Transit passes. States that the Consul at Ningpo has been instd. to consent to the adoption of a regulation limiting the time in which passes outward shall run & to nothing more.	10/24
	1387	" 13	Riots in China. Reports destruction of buildings at Ichang. Encs. answer of Yamen to note of foreign representatives & their reply. A joint appeal to Govts. of representatives has been prepared which will be forwarded. They agree that a foreign man-of-war should be placed in every port.	10/27
	1388	" 14	Same subject. States that Brit. Govt. has sent a steamer with marines to Ichang. Doors of the Italian ministers residence broken down. Fears expressed for safety of Chunking.	10/27
	1389	" 17	Same subject. Encs. protocol signed by all the Foreign Representatives setting forth the present condition of affairs in China.	11/10
	1390	" 21	Same subject. Encs. acct. of the riot at Ichang with some observations thereon	11/10
	1391	" 23	Same subject. States that a riot was anticipated at Wuchang & that Govt. took precautionary measures.	11/10
	1392	" 23	638-645 recd	
	1393	" 26	Riots in China. Encs. a description of the riot at Ichang.	11/10
	1394	Oct. 1	Accounts	11/10
	1395			11/10
	1396	" 1	Passport returns.	11/10
F. D. Cheshire	*	" 1	Accounts	11/10
Chas. Denby	1397	" 2	Smuggling of arms into China. It was done by an Englishman employed in the customs service for the purpose of getting up an insurrection. He will be tried under Brit. law.	11/10
	1398	" 5	Missionary troubles at Chi-ning Chou. Rev. Reid has been deputized by the Governor of Shantung to go to Chi-ning Chou to confer with the Taotai & come to an understanding	11/18
	1399	" 5	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Encs. note to For. Off. asking that stringent orders be sent to local officials that missionaries be allowed to hold & build on the lot in the east suburb	11/18
	1400	" 7	Accounts	11/18
F. D. Cheshire	*	" 9	Accounts.	11/28
Chas. Denby	1401	" 10	Extradition in China. Asks for the opinion of the Dept. as to whether a consul can deliver up a fugitive from justice found aboard an American ship in an open treaty port.	11/28
	1402	" 12	Riots in China. Causes of considered. Reasons for thinking that the Govt. is either insincere in its professed antagonism to the riots or is unable to control its people	11/28
	1403	" 15	Pub. Doc. forwd	11/28
	1404	" 19	Suspension of Russell & Co. Tel. of 16th inst. ackd.	11/28
	1405	" 19	Riots in China. Encs. a memorial from the Southern Superintendent of Trade & the Governor of Kiangsu stating that they are acting in accordance with the late imperial edict. States that nothing has really been done for the protection of foreigners.	11/28
	1406	" 19	Railways. States that a reorganization of the companies has taken place & that W. N. Pethick Vice Consul at Tientsin has been appointed Assistant Managing Director Encs. General Order No. 1.	11/28
	1407	" 20	Accounts	11/28
	1408	" 20	646-651 recd	11/28
	1409	" 21	Blank passports rec'd	11/28
Chas. Denby, Jr.	*	" 21	Accounts.	11/28
Chas. Denby.	1410	" 24	Riots in China. Encs. tel. from For. Off. stating that certain criminals have been punished.	11/28
	1411	" 24	Same subject. Gives an abstract of the rept. of the Viceroy Chang Chi-tung on the riot at Wusueh.	11/28
	1412	" 28	652-657 recd	12/11

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China. Dispatches from page 188.

FROM WHOM.	NO.	DATE 1891	SUBJECT.	DATE OF RECEIPT.
Chas Denby, E.E.&M.P.	1413	Oct 27	World's Fair. Gives acct. of interview of Special Commissioner Kitchcock with the Yamen. Minister stated that China would not make an appropriation for, nor appoint a commissioner, but would only take off the export duty.	12/11
	1414	" 27	Audience granted by the Emperor to minister of Austria. States that upon reading the protocol of the Foreign Representatives stipulating that future audiences should not be held in the Zu Kuang Ko but another hall be refused to be rec'd there. States that the Yamen appealed to U.S. Min. for assistance. That he induced the Austrian Min. to delay for a few days & that the audience took place in a hall inside the Palace known as the Cheng Kuang Tien.	12/11
Howard Martin	*	" 30	Accounts.	12/11
Chas. Denby, E.E.& M.P.	1415	" 31	Missionary troubles at Chinanfoo. States that the difficulty has been settled that Mr. Reid has been authorized to acquire land & there is no objection on the part of the people.	12/11
	1416	Nov. 6	Supreme Court Reports. Requests those subsequent to vol. 113.	12/11
	1417	" 8	Political. Reputed Russian aggressions on the upper Oxus. Gives an acct. of the Pamirs.	12/28
	1418	" 10	Missionary troubles at Chi-ning Chow. Encs. letter fr. Rev. Gilbert Reid stating that they have been settled.	12/28
	1419	" 14	Deeds for the transfer of property. States that Taotai of Shanghai refused to seal them or return them unsealed. Has requested Yamen to order him to do so.	12/28
	1420	" 14	Missionary troubles at Chi-ning Chow. Encs. note to For. Off. rel. to settlement of.	12/28
	1421-2	" 14	Accounts.	12/28
	1423	" 14	Passport returns	12/28
	1424-5	" 14	Accounts	12/28
	1426	" 14	Legation premises. 658 ack'd.	12/28
	1427	" 19	Accounts.	12/28
	1428	" 20	Trade routes of western China. Gives an acct. of.	12/28
F.H. Ickeshire Chas. Denby, E.E.& M.P.	*	" 14	Accounts (2 bills)	12/28
	1429	" 23	Stationery & flags regst'd	1/5
	1430	" 23	659-662 rec'd	1/5
	1431	" 24	Claim of Mr. A.P. Happer. Encs. note to F.O. asking that the matter be speedily settled.	1/8
	1432	" 26	Riots in China. Repeats Dept's. tel of 25th inst.	1/5
	1433	" 27	Customs revenues. Gives returns for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1891. Encs. two copies with remarks	1/6
	1434	" 28	Riots in Mongolia. Gives an acct. of, Rumoured insurrection	1/8
	1435	" 28	Minister from U.S. 659 rec'd	1/8
Howard Martin	*	Dec. 2	Indebtedness. Expresses thanks for letter of 21st inst.	1/8
	1436	" 3	Claim of Mr. A.P. Happer. Note fr. F.O. stating that local authorities have been ordered to arrange matter end'd	1/8
	1437	" 4	Insurrection of Mongolians. Gives additional information rel. to,	1/8
	1438	" 5	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Enc's newspaper report of settlement of, which he thinks correct	1/26.
	1439	" 7	Loans to Chinese officials will not be recognized by the Government if not first reported to it by parties making the same. Enc's decree regulating the matter.	1/26.
	1440	" 8	Insurrection in Mongolia. Enc's request of Yamen that passports be not issued from Kientsiu to the District of Jeho on account of; reports information that trouble is ended.	1/26.
	1441	" 8	Same subject. Enc's copy of Imperial decree announcing the end of the insurrection	1/26.
	1442	" 10	663 to 668 ack'd; circular relating to World's Fair documents rec'd	1/26.
	1443	" 10	Account for telegrams from Oct. 10 to Dec 11, 1891	1/26
	1444	" 16	World's Fair. Cuts, Maps, Engravings of, States that they will be admitted free of duty.	1/29
	1445	" 17	Accounts.	1/29
	1446	" 18	Accounts	2/8
	1447			
	1448	" 22	Insurrection in Northern China. Gives an account of, Encs. maps & repts. of Peking Gazette	2/8
Chas. Denby, Jr, Chas. Denby, E.E.& M.P.	*	" 24	Teacher of Chinese. Requests that he be given an allowance for,	2/8
	1449	" 28	Emperor of China's life & habits. Gives details of, States that he has begun the study of English.	2/24
	1450	" 28	Chefoo. Asks that the temporary appt. of W.P. Allen as Vice C. be confirmed	2/24

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Chas. Denby, E.E.&M.P.	1451	Dec. 31	Insurrection in Mongolia. Encs. note circulated by the French Min. rel. to the massare of Christians & destruction of property, an injurious proclamation issued by the Imperial Chinese General. States that in accordance with instrs. he declined to sign it.	3/10
	1452	" 31	669-672 rec'd.	3/10
	1453	Jan. 5 1892.	Insurrection in Mongolia. States that it will soon be suppressed	2/24
	1454	" 11	Same subject. States that the proclamation of the Imperial General exensing outrages has been withdrawn & that his conduct will be investigated.	3/10
	1455-64	12	Accounts	3/10
	1457	" 12	Passports returns for Dec. quarter 1891.	3/10
F. D. Cheshire		" 14	Accounts.	3/10
Chas. Denby	1458	" 21	Accounts	3/10
	1459	" 25	Claim of the Episcopal Missionary Society for damages to property at Ichang by rioters. Consul at Hankow has been directed to demand payment from local authorities if it is refused he will present claim to the Govt.	3/10
	1460	" 25	673-678 rec'd	3/10
	1461	" 25	Accounts	3/10
F. D. Cheshire		" 21	Accounts	3/10
Chas Denby	1462	" 29	Subsidiary Coins (Chinese). Their circulation is fostered by authorities and largely increasing.	3/21.
	1463	" 30	Review of events during the year 1891	3/21
	1464	" 30	Riots in China. Punishment of officials guilty of partiality against Christians and other misdemeanors. Copy of decree enclosed	3/21.
	1465	Feb. 1	Accounts.	3/21
	1467	" 1	Passport returns.	3/21.
	1468-9	" 1	Accounts	3/21.
	1470	" 1	Insurrection in Mongolia. Clipping from "North China News" enclosed giving account of	3/21.
F. D. Cheshire		" 1	Accounts (2 letters)	3/21.
Howard Martin		Jan 11	Accounts	4/7
Chas Denby Jr		Feb 2	Accounts	4/7
Chas Denby	1471	" 3	Etiquette. His opposition to declining to receive the Chinese officials on New Year by reason of the riots results in the scheme being abandoned; the question of refusing to attend the Emperor's receptions at any place but the palace raised by the French and Russian ministers is opposed by himself and others and is not yet decided	4/7
	1472	" 4	Repairs to legation. Accounts for, enc'd	4/7
	1473	" 8	Coinage circular rec'd and information req'd of Consul at Canton. "680 rec'd	4/7
	1474	" 10	Repairs to legation. Duplicate accounts enc'd	4/7
	1475	" 12	Transit passes. An application to bring cotton to Shanghai from points less than 100 miles distant from that city has been denied by the Tsung li Yamen to an Amer. firm; denial based on precedent in the case of an English merchant; believes it advisable not to press the matter as it may lead to a revision of the treaties. Corresp.ce with the Yamen and Consul at Shanghai inclosed	4/7
	1476	" 16	Claim of Russells & Co vs Lin Shih wei of Foo Chow has been settled. Note of Yamen enc'd	4/7
	1477	" 16	Claim of Russell & Co vs Chen Show li of Formosa has been settled. Note of Yamen enc'd	4/7
	1478	" 20	681 to 685 rec'd	4/7
	1479	" 21	Seal-slaughtering in Russian territory. Report of Dr McKowan & clip'sing enc'd; international agreem't suggested	4/18.
	1480	" 25	Silver as circulating medium in the East. Essay on the preference given to,	4/18
	1481	" 26	Cable between Asia and America. Paper concerning the feasibility and advantages to U.S. of, by C. Paulsen, Encd	4/18.

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China				
Charles Denby Ee & MP	1482	March 3	687 to 689 rec'd	4/18
	C1483	"	5 "Sacred Edict". Petition of Evangelical Alliance that a portion of the, attacking the Christian religion be omitted upon diplomatic action and a portion of the edict of June last substituted. Mr Denby thinks the former practicable but disapproves the latter. Petition to the diplomatic corps enc'd.	4/18
	C1484	"	5 Anti-foreign publications in China. Encloses a copy of "a complete Picture Gallery" showing the nature of appeals to prejudice and riotous risings and says such publications are not sufficiently restrained by the Govt	4/18.
	C1485	"	5 Riots at Wuhu. Punishment of the leaders of. Note of the Yamen reciting the, Enc'd	4/18.
	1486	"	8 Missing despatch #1395. Duplicate enc'd	4/18.
Howard Martin Secy	~	"	9 Accounts	4/18.
Charles Denby Ee & MP	1487	"	12 690 to 691 rec'd	5/5.
	C1488	"	14 Scientific expedition in China. A Chinese passport has been secured for and sent to Dr Wm L. Abbott	5/5
	1489	"	14 Shanghai. Nomination of Rufus F. Eastlake as Dep. Con Gen at, vice Mark B. Cunnell, resigned, trans. with appeal	5/5.
	C1490	"	14 Anti foreign publications. Proceedings of meeting at Shanghai agst, enc'd, direct action by home govts probably necessary to secure the suppression of; thinks the popular feeling in China reaches beyond the religious question and gives cause of discontent with international intercourse	5/5.
	1491	"	16 Pub. Doc's. Customs Gazette. list of Light Houses &c, transmitted.	5/5.
	C1492	"	21 Insurrection in Mongolia. Reviews the, which is now extinct and Enc's decree punishing officials connected with	5/5.
	C1493	"	22 Etiquette. Enc's memorandum of the dean of dip. corps claiming the right to have audiences with the Emperor at the Palace proper; refusal of the Tsung li Yamen, in consequence of which there will be no reception this Spring	5/5.
	C1494	"	22 "Sacred Edict". The dip. corps declines to join in the steps suggested in #1483 for amending the, and it has been abandoned	5/5.
	C1495	"	22 Lekin (or internal taxation) Its injurious effects upon foreign trade and its antagonism to the transit passes. The dip. corps, in view of complaints from Consuls at Canton, will demand the maintenance of the latter system and complain of the action of the likin authorities there	5/5.
	C1496	"	22 Discrimination against foreign shipping at Canton. The duties on goods shipped in Chinese junks have been decreased, thereby violating the spirit of the treaty of 1880 with US. Protest by British Minister.	5/5.
	1497	"	24 695 to 698 and Circ. of Feb 1/92 ackd	5/13.
	1498	"	29 Minister fr. US to China. Ins. 691 translation have been communicated as per Tel. of Mar 25. Accompany note enc'd	5/13.
	C1499	"	29 Insurrection in Mongolia. The Chinese Govt thanks the President for his congratulations over the suppression of	5/13.
	1500	"	29 World's Fair dedication. China will be represented at the, by 2nd Sec's of Legation at Washington, Seng Kwang Yii.	5/13
	C1501	"	29 Likin. Refers to #1495 and Encloses identic note to the Yamen protesting against abuses of the	5/13.
	1502	"	29 Coinage &c of precious metals. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint	5/13.
	C1503	"	30 Legation building. Plan of new, agreed upon with owners, enc'd, cost not given, will probably be f 6000.	5/13.
	1504	April 1	Passport returns	5/13.
	1505-1506	" 1	Accounts.	5/13.
F.D. Cheshire, Secy	~	" 2	Accounts (two letters)	5/13.
Charles Denby Ee & MP	1507	" 2	Trade statistics of China for 1891 transmitted	5/13.
	1508	" 4	Account	5/13.
	C1509	" 5	Riot at Kirk Thorn. Destruction of an American Mission building reported. Fresh riots in the Spring apprehended	5/13.
	C1510	" 5	Missionary troubles in China. Enc's a pamphlet "Missionaries in China" by "a candid friend" which studies the question of the and may be valuable assistance for the handling of questions likely to arise	5/13.
	1511	" 6	699 to 701 ackd. Circ of Feb. 6/91 and Jan 1/92 received	5/13
	C1512	" 7	Minister fr. US to China. Enc's reply of Yamen to his note of March 29 basing the refusal to receive Mr Blair as, upon his utterances in the Senate agst the Chinese, and adverting to the Exclusion Acts in connection with treaties	5/13
	C1513	" 10	Lekin and Transit passes. Enc's note of Yamen denying hostility of the Canton lekin authorities to the system of transit passes which are always granted in bona fide cases to Chinese as well as Foreigners. Gives figures showing great decline of passes issued and states he will keep the matter up, before the Yamen	5/27
	C1514	" 12	Anti foreign pub's at Hunan. Enc's his note urging the suppression of	5/27
	C1515	" 13	University (Christian) at Peking. Reports the establishment of a, by the Methodist mission.	5/27
	C1516	" 15	Anti-foreign placards in Kwangsi. Enc's reply of the Viceroy to the protests of the Consuls at Hankow	5/27
	C1517	" 16	Reciprocal treaty defining the international rights of US and China. Suggests and recommends the negotiation of a, that would supersede existing legislation, and tend to remove present or possible animosity	5/27
	1518	" 19	Accounts.	5/27
	1519	" 19	702 and Circ of Feb. 15, ackd. Mr Fuller has been advised in conformity with Ins 702.	5/27
	1520	" 20	Newspapers for Legn. Reqd N.Y. "Tribune" and Washington "Post".	5/27
Charles Denby Jr. 2nd Secy	~	" 27	Account for salary	6/8

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Charles Denby, EExMP	1521	April 26	Account duplicate	6/8.
	c1522	" 26	Flag hoisted under guise of "voluntary contributions" at Wuhsueh-miao and Kerosene threatening the imports of the latter article. Ep's report of event at Chinkiang and his reply instructing him to protest.	6/8.
	1523	April 30	Account duplicate	6/6
	1524	May 1	Passport returns duplicate	6/6
	1525	" 1	Account duplicate	6/6
	1526	" 1	Nos 704 to 710 and Circ of March 7/92 recd, and Proclamation of March 15 ult thereto	6/6
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter Charles Denby, EExMP	—	" 1	Accounts duplicate (two letters)	6/6
	1527	" 2	Accounts duplicate	6/6
	c1528	" 2	Timber rafts, towing of, at sea. As worse is done in Chinese seas, China need not participate in the working of rules regulating the. Note encl'd.	6/6.
	c1529	" 2	American citizens in China. Gives estimate of number of, based on Ins no 764 of Nov 22/88. Legation has applied to U.S. Consulates for more accurate data.	6/6
	c1530	" 5	Chinkiang. Protection of concessions or settlements by Naval forces. Submits the views expressed by the Brit minister upon the letter from Navy Dep in no 709 and the difficulty of co-operation.	6/6
	c1531	" 8	Naturalization laws in China. There are none, altho' foreigners have been occasionally admitted to citizenship	6/17
	1532	" 10	Tea trade, decline of, of China. Report on the.	6/17
	c1533	" 14	Transit passes are declining because the likin tax has been reduced and is more advantageous to trade. Encls his letter to Con-Gl at Canton	6/29.
	c1534	" 18	Consular jurisdiction over a subordinate official in criminal trial. He holds that the Consul has jurisdiction and submits his opinion as embodied in his letter to Con. Gen. at Shanghai in the case of Jailor and Deputy Marshall for A. Frame guilty of shooting and killing George Lemon, an Amer citizen.	6/28
	c1535	" 23	Anti foreign publications in Hunan. Pursuant to his request, as per 1514, the taotai Chou Han has been degraded. Decree encl'd	6/28.
	1536	" 26	Fire at the legation. Reports a trifling, and suggests increase of contingent allowance which will enable him to ensure Govt property	6/28
	c1537	" 28	Riots, anti-foreign, in Fuhkien. Newspaper accounts of, and of the destruction of British missionary establishts, enclosed	7/14.
	1537B	June 2	No 712 to 719 and Circ)	7/14
	c1538	" 2	Kerosene trade under the transit passes system. Reports the favorable condition of the,	7/14.
	c1539	" 11	Anti-foreign publications in Hunan. Quotes from the decree punishing offenders and partly exonerating the taotai Chou Han on the plea of insanity.	7/14.
	c1540	" 6	Missionary troubles in Chinanfu. Satisfactory and prompt adjustment reported.	7/14.
	1541	" 8	Trade returns and Customs Gazette, transmitted.	7/14.
	c1541B	" 11	War vessels' supplies. Purchase of, duty free. There are no laws nor public warehouses in China, with ref to	7/23.
	Tel	" 14	Chinese Exclusion Act. "Foreign office desires to know if President approved Act continuing restriction of Chinese ten years."	6/7
	c1542	" 14	Same subject. Confirms above, and encloses note fr Yamen, commenting on the bill and req's above information and his reply thereto	7/23.
	1543	" 19	Text of Dep. tel. of June 17.	8/9.
	c1544	" 20	Chinese Exclusion Act. Refers to Desp. 1542 and Dep. tel. and encloses note to Yamen giving the purport of the	8/9
	c1545	" 20	Subventions to shipping industry. None said by China; privileges accorded to the China Merchants Steam Nav Co.	8/9
	c1546	" 28	Anti foreign publications in Hunan. Report and decree referred to in no 1535 are transmitted; calls attention to the admission therein that the preaching of Christianity is permitted by treaty.	8/9
	1547/1548	July 1	Accounts.	8/17
	c1550	" 2	Camphor trade in Formosa. Increase of and new regulations affecting the	8/17
	1551	" 2	Nos 721 to 727 and Circ of May 9 acted)	8/17
	1552	" 4	Passport returns.	8/17
	c1553	" 5	Chinese Exclusion. Transmits note accompanying enclosures to Ins 725, sent to the Yamen.	8/17
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 8	Account	8/27
Charles Denby, EExMP	c1554	" 8	Maritime laws of China. There is no written law; native navigation governed by decrees issued by Vice roys; foreign navigation by their respective laws. Rules for the protection of shipwrecks encl'd	8/27
	1555	" 11	Account. Contingent expenses.	8/27
Chas Denby, Jr, 2nd Sec'y	—	" 16	Account	8/27
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 22	Account. loss by exchange	8/27
Charles Denby, EExMP	1556-1560	" 23/26	Accounts and passport returns. Duplicates	9/22
	1561	" 27	Nos 729 to 731 and Circ of June 13, acted)	9/22.
	c1562	" 27	Anti foreign placards. Translation of, posted in the province of Shantung, transmitted	9/22
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	Aug. 3	Accounts duplicate.	9/22

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Charles Denby EE&MP.	1563 1564	Aug. 3	Accounts. duplicate.	9/22
	C1565	" 10	Arms. Smuggling of, in China. Stringent measures adopted against the. Enc's note fr. the Yamen, rel. to, and asking punishment of offenders by their respective Govts and reply thereto promising assistance but stating that the offence could not be punished under US. laws.	9/22.
	C1566	" 12	Postal system of China. Report enc'd	9/28.
	1567	" 12	732 to 735, Enc's to June 29 ackd	9/28.
	1568	" 15	Account for Repairs transd	9/28.
	C 1569	" 18	Chinese Exclusion Act. Enc's note of Tsung li Yamen criticising the several sections of the, as conflicting with existing treaties, International law and the Constitution of the US. and requesting that the Executive take steps to secure its repeal. Also his defence of the Act from a legal standpoint only	9/28.
Howard Martin, Sec'y	Tel	" 19	Leave. Request leave visit US. Wire Regent.	9/19
Charles Denby, EE&MP.	1570	" 22	Same subject. Ack's dep tel. of Aug 19. Mr Martin intends to raise money in the US. to pay his debts	10/7
	1571	" 25	World's Congress Auxiliary. 2nd Sec'y Peng tsuang Yii at Wash. designated to represent China at the	10/7
	C1572	" 25	Silver question in China. Enc's proceedings of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce in favor of a fixed ratio	10/7
Howard Martin, Sec'y	~	" 25	Accounts for June and Sept. quarters.	10/7
Charles Denby, EE&MP.	1573	" 28	736 and 737 ackd	10/7
	1574	" 31	Account for repairs. duplicate.	10/7
	C1575	" 31	Am. citizens residing in China. Enc's tabulated Statement of, and synopsis of foreign population.	10/7
	C1576	" 31	Tientsin jurisdiction of Consulate at. Transmits with approval a petition of Missionaries in Western Shantung that certain prefectures of that province be transferred from Chefoo to the.	10/7
	C1577	Sep. 4	Claim of Dr A. P. Happer, at Canton, has been arranged.	10/20.
	1578	" 4	738–741 recd.	10/20.
	C1579	" 6	Indebtedness of Sec'y Howard Martin who departed without stopping at Tientsin to make arrangements as to, as he had stated. If it is not met by raising of funds in US. his retention as Sec'y would be injurious to public service	10/20
	1580	" 7	Statistical Institute. International meeting at Chicago. Mr Peng Kuang-Yii appointed Delegate to.	10/20
	1581	" 12	Customs Returns for Sept. Quarter 1892	10/20.
	1582	" 19	Repairs to legation buildings. Postponement of work till Spring has been agreed on with owners' agent on account of difficulty to erecting fire proof rooms insisted upon by the Minister.	10/28.
	1583	" 26	742 to 746 ackd. Enclosure in 744 not rec'd.	11/15.
	C1584	" 27	Memorial of the Chinese Minister at Washington to the throne. Disputes points therein advanced as to his action in preventing US. from joining in demonstrations against China at the time of anti foreign riots and quotes without comment parts relating to Chinese exclusion and anti-immigration policy of the US.	11/15.
	1585	" 30	Canton. Returns Commission of David McHaffie as Vice Consul at, which place he is about to depart from. Nomination of George Caswell Fearon endorsed. Commission of Chin Soy Woo will be forwd to him after receiving his Chinese name	11/15.
	C 1586–1588	Oct 3	Indebtedness of Sec'y Martin. Statement of, rec'd. Unexceptionable departure from Tientsin reported. Accounts.	11/15
	1589	" 3	Passport returns.	11/15.
	1590	" 4	Account	11/15.
	C 1591	" 4	World's Fair. Circ of July 30/92 (protection of patents) communicated to Chinese Govt	11/15.
	1592	" 4	Naval Review in New York. China unable to participate, owing to great distance.	11/15.
F. O. Cheshire, Interpreter	~	" 12	Account	11/19
	~	" 24	Account. loss by exchange	11/30
	~	" 27	Account duplicate	12/9
Charles Denby EE&MP	1593 1597	" 27	Accounts and returns, duplicate.	12/9
	C 1598	" 31	World's Fair. Chinese laborers at the. Joint resolution rel. to, in 747, has been made known to Chinese Govt	12/9
	1599	" 31	Same subject. Postal exhibit. None will be made by China	12/9
	C1600	Nov. 3	Vice Roy Li Hung Chang. Interview with, at Tientsin, reported. The Vice Roy denounces the Exclusion Act, the firm of Russell & Co and Americans generally and avows that there will be no Chinese exhibit at Chicago. The Vice roy described as a very old man, ignorant of foreign modes of Govt, and speaking for effect	12/19
	C1601	" 3	Manslaughter. Punishment of, by Consular Courts. Recommends that the act of 1875 providing for be amended so as to include China and other extra territorial countries. Inadequacy of present legislation pointed to	12/19
	1602	" 7	743 and 749 and circ's ackd	12/19
Howard Martin, Secty	~	" 7	Arrival in US. reported. Asks to be excused from reporting at Washington and to be paid amount due him on a/c of salary.	11/10
Charles Denby Jr 2nd Secy	~	" 11	Accounts.	1/3.

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Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	C 1603	Nov. 19	Missionary troubles at Chinanfu. Chiming chow and anxious Settlement of Letter of thanks from the Shantung Mission enc'd.	1/3.
	C1604	" 21	Bicycle journey across Asia. Account of the starting, by Wm Sachtleben and Thos Allen Jr.	1/3
	1605	" 22	Flags and supplies req'd	1/3.
Howard Martin, Secy	C "	" 20	Indebtedness. Explains that he merely promised to endeavor settling his, and that he needs salary due him in order to come to South Carolina and raise the necessary amount.	11/23.
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	1606	" 28	Repairs to legation. Fire proof rooms of brick and concrete has been agreed on and will be commenced early in the Spring. Letter of owners' agent and plans of building enc'd	1/24
	C1607	" 29	Exclusion Act of 1842. Further representations of the Tsung li yamen based on violation of the most favored nation clause of the treaty of 1880, and renewal of request that the act be abrogated. Note enc'd	1/4
	1608	" 30	Publication. Customs Gazette transmitted.	1/24
	C1609	Dec. 1	Bond system on the Yangtze River. Refers to #1385 of Sep. 10/91 and encloses his note to the Yamen enquiring as to discontinuance of the promised after restoration of tranquillity and reply contending that the system works to the advantage of bona fide merchants, and could not be abolished unless foreign merchants stopped chartering native junks. These reasons seem valid and the matter will not be pressed	1/14
Howard Martin, Asst Secy. Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	"	" 2	Accounts. Asks that balance due be forwarded to him.	12/5.
	1610	" 5	#752 to 756 rec'd, also Circ. of Oct. 24.	1/18.
	1611	" 6	World's Fair. Fire extinguishing exhibit cannot be procured at Peking. Des. 752 referred to Con. Gen. at Shanghai	1/18.
	Jul.	" 17	Chefoo. "Ask order abolishing Chefoo Consulate be suspended until my dispatch rec'd."	12/16.
Howard Martin, late Secy Charles Denby E.E.&M.P.	"	" 18	Accounts. June and Sep. quarters.	12/20.
	1612	" 19	Crimes. Punishment of, in China. Reply to Circ. of Oct 24 transmitted.	2/7.
	1613	" 19	Chefoo. Discontinuance of Consulate at is deprecated by reason of large interest and business there even after transfer of part of its Territory to Tientsin; recommends establishing a Consular Agency.	2/7.
	1614	" 22	Sea trade with Russia, Report on the, its past, present and future.	2/23
	1615	" 23	Chefoo Consular post at: Text of Sep. tel of Dec 21.	2/23.
	1616	" 27	Same subject. Vice Consul Fuller has been instructed to continue.	2/23.
	C1617	" 30	Audience question has been revived by new Brit. Min. accepting to be received in a hall not within the Palace. The representatives of France, Russia, Spain and Belgium address the dean on the subject but are not joined by the others. Discusses this question of etiquette as likely to be brought before the Dep. by European powers Ref. to 1493.	2/23.
	1618	1893 Jan. 3	Chinese as Deputy U.S. Consuls. China refuses to recognize them and their appointment is objectionable. Adverts to precedents and points out objections. Refers to Des. 745 and Con's note from Yamen in the case at Canton	2/23.
	1619	" 4	Tsze: the "papao". Its ~~nationality~~ and other properties described in an enclosed newspaper clipping.	2/23.
	1620	" 4	Flags showing rank of chief officers in the Chinese Navy; description and diagrams encl'd with note	2/23.
	1621.1622	" 5	Accounts.	2/23.
	1623	" 5	Passport returns.	2/23.
	C1624	" 6	Tientsin. Charge of drunkenness against Consul Bowman at, has been investigated and disproved.	3/1
	1625	" 9	#758 to 761 acted	3/1
	1626	" 9	Repairs to and rebuildings of legation. Contract signed Jan 7, work to commence Feb. 22. Thanks expressed	3/1
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	"	" 9	Account.	3/1
Chas. Denby Jr. 2nd Secy	"	" 10	Account.	3/11
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	1627.1628	" 12/3	Accounts.	3/11
	1629	" 15	Telegraph convention between Russia and China enc'd and discussed.	3/11.
	1630	" 18	Account. Loss by exchange	3/11
	C1631	" 18	Abrogation (alleged) of the treaty of 1880. It was merely advanced by the taotai of Shanghai in answer to representations made on a/c of discrimination against foreign shipping claimed to be in violation of same by British Consul. The Min. did not deem it necessary to take any action.	3/11.
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	"	" 19	Account. Loss by exchange.	3/11
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	1632.1636	" 19/20	Accounts and passport returns. (Duplicates)	3/11
	1637	" 23	#762 acted	3/11
	1638	" 27	Roads in China. Description of, in the North China News enc'd.	3/22
	1639	" 28	Account, duplicate	3/22
	1640	Feb. 4	#763 to 765 and Circ. of Dec 12 rec'd	3/29
	1641	" 7	Death of James G. Blaine. Personal tribute to the deceased; pleasant character of official relations; flag of legation was placed at half mast on receipt of news by tel.	3/29

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Charles Denby EE & MP.	1642	Feb. 11	Account for repairs.	3/28.
	1643	" 14	Meteorologists' Conference. China will have a representative to be appointed by the Min. at Wash.: Note to	3/28.
	1644	" 15	Minister of China to the US. Antecedents of Yang Jui recently appointed.	3/28.
F. O. Cheshire Interpreter	—	" 17	Accounts. Duplicate	4/22.
Charles Denby EE & MP	1645	" 17	Accounts. Duplicate repairs to legation.	4/22
	C1646	" 20	Claim of Episcopal Mission 8000 taels paid thro' Cons. at Hankow for destruction of property at Ichang. No other claim pending at legation.	4/22.
	1647	Mar 1	Newspapers for legation. "Washington Post" and NY "Weekly Nation" desired.	4/22
	1648	" 2	India Gold standard for China association opposed to. Clipping from Shanghai Mercury Encd	4/22
	C1649	" 3	Police system, courts & punishments of crime. Report on.	4/22
	1650	" 6	Dead House in foreign settlement at Ningpo. Enc's his note demanding its removal to other location	4/22
	C1651	" 10	Exclusion Act. Retaliations apprehended by missionaries by reason of investigation being made as to number of American residents and orphan asylum. The question has hitherto never interfered with the transaction of official business but restrictions might be placed on missionary work and anti-foreign riots break out in the event of large deportation of Chinese from the US.	4/22
	1652	" 14	Telegraph lines of China connected with Russian lines. Particulars of the system given.	4/28.
	1653	" 14	Tea Trade of China. Decline of the due to export & lekin duties. Statistics & particulars given.	4/28.
	1654	" 14	Publication. 'Customs Gazette' transmitted.	4/28.
	1655	" 18	Dead house at Ningpo. Foreign Office disputes objections raised and declines to remove it. Note encl'd refers to 1653	4/28.
	C1656	" 19	Chinese as Consular officers of the US. Referring to Desp. 1618, he will await instructions before requesting exequatur for Tsing Ching Chung as Deputy Consul at Amoy. Suggests that duties might be discharged without recognition	4/28.
	C1657	" 21	Dean of Diplomatic Corps. Mr Denby succeeds German Minister as. Mr von Brandt resigned because permission was refused by his Govt to his marrying Miss Heard, daughter of US Min. at Seoul	4/28.
	1658	" 22	Trade, foreign, of China for 1892. Report on the.	4/28.
	1659	" 22	Publication. Light houses of China, transd	4/28.
	1660-1661	April 1	Accounts.	5/23.
	1662	" 1	Passport returns.	5/23.
	1663	" 1	"772 to 776 acks"	5/23.
	C1664	" 1	Land purchases by Americans. Rule issued by Tao-tai of Nanking requesting, under the guise of protection to purchases, that the gentry be consulted and official survey req'd. It is in violation of treaty and Actg. Consul at Chinkiang has been directed to disregard it and so inform the Taotai. Rule encd	5/23
	1665	" 4	Claim of Episcopal Mission. Ref. to 1646 and enc's official communication rel. to settlement.	5/23.
Chas. Denby Jr 2d Secy	—	" 6	Account.	5/23
Charles Denby EE & MP.	C1666	" 7	Building Industry in China. Wages and methods reported.	5/23
	1667	" 10	Account.	5/23
	1668	" 14	"777 to 779 and Circ. of Feb. 21 acks"	5/23.
	1669	" 14	Account, loss by exchange.	5/23
F. O. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 14	Account.	5/23
	—	" 17	Account, loss by exchange	5/26.
Charles Denby, EE & MP.	1670	" 17	World's Fair Congress of Repr. Women. Invitation came too late. Letter to Mrs Ewall encl'd.	5/26.
	1671-1673	" 17	Accounts — Passport returns. (Duplicates)	5/26.
	C1674	" 18	Telegraph rates from Peking to America over land lines, given. Cable Co's offer to refund to patrons cost of transmission to sea-coast now charged extra by Chinese telegraph.	5/26.
	1675	" 18	Account. Duplicate	5/26.
	Tel	" 22	Exclusion Act. "Foreign Office req's suspension enforcement exclusion act until a new Chinese Minister arrives. Left yesterday."	4/22
	C1676	" 22	Same subject. Encloses note from F.O. requesting above rent and reply to note in 1669.	6/2
	C1677	" 24	Same subject. Prohibition of emigration to Mexico, proclaimed at Canton by the Nanhoi who asserts that 100000 Chinese were forced into Mexico by unjust action of US. in prohibiting their return to the US. Asks for statistics disproving this statement. (until conclusion of treaty)	6/12
	1678	" 25	Account. Duplicate.	6/2
	1679	" 25	Text of Dep. rel. of April 24.	6/2
F. O. Cheshire, Interpreter	—	" 25	Account. Duplicate.	6/2
Charles Denby, EE & MP	1680	" 27	"780 to 783 acks"	6/2

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Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	C1681	May 2	Hours of labor, &c, in Govt service. Information rel. to, transd. Reply to Circ. of Feb 21.	6/12
	1682	" 11	Publication "Chronicle & Directory for China, Japan &c 1893 has been ordered to be sent to the Dep.	6/12
	1683	" 11	Circ. of March 21 ack'd.	6/12
	1684	" 8	Quarantine laws and regulations have been posted in legation as directed in Circ. of Mar 8.	6/14
	C1685	" 18	World's Fair Congress of Electricians. Peng Kwang-yü, Tung Shou, and Shou Yon of legation, appd. delegates	7/3
	C1686	" 22	Courts, proposed, for marine cases in which Chinese vessels are involved. Proposition originated by Swedish Con. Gen. at Shanghai, has been referred to the diplomatic body. Action deferred by absence of Brit. Min. and delay of other representatives to obtain views of their Govts	7/3
	1687	" 26	Life-saving service in China. Enc's report of Imperial Maritime Customs, and discusses the	7/5
	C1688	" 27	Exclusion Act. Request of Yamen that Supreme Court be directed to declare the, inconstitutional, and that its enforcement be delayed until arrival of new Minister Yang Yu, transmitted.	7/11
	1689	" 30	Publication "Customs Gazette" transd	7/11
	1690	June 13	#789 to 794 rec'd.	7/31
	C1691	" 14	Customs Service of China. Outline of its growth under the management of Sir Robert Hart and particulars given	7/31
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	—	" 15	Leave of 60 days to visit U.S. reqd	7/31
	C1692	" 21	Railways Chinese. Synopsis of the management, route, and contemplated extensions.	7/31
	1693	" 26	Publication. Customs reports for 1892.	8/9
	1694	" 30	#795 to 800 recd	8/9
	C1695	July 1	Postal service in China. Outlines the scheme proposed by Robt. Hart, which it is now rumored the throne has consented to.	8/19
	1696-98	" 1	Accounts	8/19
	1699	" 1	Passport returns	8/19
	C1700	" 3	Secret Society known as the Ko-lao Hui, which conspires against the throne using the prejudice against foreigners as an incitement to disorder. Reports that the Govt continues to execute all members arrested.	8/19
	1701	" 3	Furniture for the new office building of the Legation. Asks an allowance of $700 for, and a reply by cable	8/19
F.D. Cheshire, Interpreter Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	—	" 6	Account	8/19
	C1702	" 7	Retaliation against Americans in China if "Geary" Act is enforced. Enc's report of interview between the Viceroy & Consul Bowman in which the former threatens; his power, however, is not great & Americans do not fear.	8/19
	1708	" 7	Tientsin. U.S. Consul at. Enc's letter from Missionaries asking to have Mr. Pethick or Mr. Tenney in charge.	8/19
	C1704	" 10	Copyright. China has no laws in regard to, and declines the benefit of the Act of 1891. Enc's note to and reply of Tsung li Yamen and adverts to irrelevant allusion to denial of treaty rights in the same	8/21
Charles Denby Jr. 2d Secy Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	—	" 14	Account.	8/29
	1705-1710	" 16/8	Account = #801 to 805 acknd. (Enclosure in 805 not recd) = Duplicate acc's and passport returns.	8/29
	C1711	" 18	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lungpu. Account of the massacre of two Swedish Missionaries Encd	9/9
	C1712	" 18	Land purchases by Am's. The objectionable rules referred to in #1664 have been withdrawn. In reply to Enc. 805 explains that action of the legation was based on the opinion that if Americans were allowed at all to purchase land out of treaty ports, such purchases should be regulated by treaty stipulations	9/9
	1713	" 24	Medical Institutions in China. Reply to Circ. of June 2 Encd.	9/6
	1714	" 24	Coinage, &c, in China. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint	9/6
	C1715	" 24	Machinery. Prohibition of steam, and especially cotton-gins by the Taotai of Shanghai. Enc's note addressed as dean of the dip. corps protesting against this action, which however in view of precedents, he thinks will be maintained.	9/6
	1716-1717	" 31	Account for repairs = duplicate account for contingent expenses.	9/6
	C1718	Aug 7	Settlement, American, at Shanghai. Boundaries finally demarcated; gives history of the negotiations; praises Asst Consul Gen. of the U.S. Evans and Enc's photo's of settlement and of boundary stones.	9/14
F.D. Cheshire, Interpreter Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	—	" 9	Account, duplicate.	9/14
	1719	" 10	Account, duplicate - Repairs to legation	9/25
	C1720	" 10	Machinery. Prohibition of, by China. Reply of Tsung li Yamen to note in # July 24 Enc'd. It insists that China has the right to thus protect her people	9/25
	C1721	" 11	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lung-pu. Refers to #1711, recites the murder of two missionaries, and adverts to threatening danger for all foreigners. Enc's note to Yamen, approved by the dip. body demanding punishment of negligent authorities and ring-leaders.	9/15
	1722	" 14	#808 and 809 and Circ. of June 16, ackd	9/25
	1723	" 17	#810 to 812 ackd	10/0
	1724	" 19	Cipher volume and Holocryptic Code are numbered 39.	10/0

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Charles Denby Esqr Pc	1725	Aug 21.	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lungpu. Eie's reply of Yamen to note n° 1721, asserting that authorities did all their duty and that the murdered missionaries brought on the trouble by causing the arrest of villagers who were believed to have been killed, and by disregarding advices given them by authorities. Swedish Con. Gen. is denounced, at Hankow, for admitting that Miss^es were in the wrong	10/10.
	1726	" 22.	Furniture for legation. Acts tel. of Aug 19.	10/10.
	1727	" 24	n°s 813 to 815 and Circ of July 7 acted	10/10.
	1728	" 31	Draft advised.	10/10.
C	1729	" 30.	Machinery Prohibition of. Reply to Yamen's note n° 1720. It is contended therein that while machinery is not specially mentioned in the treaty, it figures in the official Customs Tariff	10/10.
C	1730	Sep. 2	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lungpu. Eie's reply to Yamen's note n° 1725. Doubt is expressed that murdered missionaries hired guards, contention made that the duty of officials was fulfilled when notice of danger was given, and demand is made that guilty officials as well as rioters be punished. Approving editorial encl	10/16.
	1731	" 9	Siam & France. China will not intervene, in any degree, in the difficulties between.	10/21.
	1732	" 14	Customs Statistics, 2^d Quarter 1893. Two copies transd	10/21.
	1733	"	16 n°s 818 to 820 acted	10/21.
C	1734	" 19.	Machinery, Prohibition of. Reply of Yamen to note n° 1729 maintains the position that China has the right to protect her people against foreign competition.	11/2
C	1735	" 19.	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lungpu. Reply of Yamen to note n° 1730 repeats that orders have been issued for the punishment of the guilty and that the murdered missionaries were in part responsible for the deplored occurrence by hiring guards and disregarding advice given them by authorities	11/2
	1736-1737	Oct	11 Accounts	11/20.
	1738	"	11 Passport Returns.	11/20.
	1739	"	11 Secretary Denby's leave waived until next Spring, until which time Dte Consul need not come.	11/20.
	1740	"	11 Ningpo. No application made for recog^n of J. C. Hixson as Consul at, on receipt of information from present Consul Fowler that he had been reinstated.	11/20.
	1741	"	11 n°s 821-826 and Circ. of Aug 21 acted	11/20
	1742	"	6 Account. Loss by exchange.	11/20.
C	1743	"	6 Tonnage dues collected on Steam launch "Foo. An" owned by the Foochow Lighter and Cargo-boat Co. Discusses the case and admits that she is liable to same.	11/20.
	1744	"	10 Account Contingent Expenses.	11/20.
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter		"	11 Account.	11/25
Charles Denby Jr. 2nd Secy		"	17 Account.	11/25
Charles Denby, E E & M P.	C	1745 "	20 Courts, proposed, for marine cases in which Chinese vessels are involved. Foreign representatives decide it would be inexpedient to advocate their creation for stated reasons. Refers to D. 1686	11/25
	1746-1748	"	20 Accounts and Passport Returns; duplicate	12/5.
C	1749	" 23.	Machinery Prohibition of. Eie's note to Yamen insisting, at the instance of his colleagues, that the right to import machinery is based on treaties, explains that the prohibition applies to foreigners and common people of China only, cotton plants being operated at Shanghai by officials.	12/5.
C	1750	" 21.	Manslaughter. Punishment of, by Consular Courts. Suggests amendment to Act in Supplement to R.S. by which jurisdiction is, by omission, taken from Consular Courts, and refers to n° 1601 renewing req^t for books.	12/5
	1751-1752	" 24/26	Accounts; duplicate	12/5.
	Tel.	" 28	Secretary of legation. "For what post shall Denby qualify."	10/28
	1753	" 29	Same subject. Chas Denby Jr took the oath as 1st Secy on Oct 26; explains why subsequent tel was sent.	12/5.
Charles Denby Jr, Secy		" 29	Oath of office encl.	12/19
F. D. Cheshire, Int.		Nov. 1	Account, duplicate	12/19
Charles Denby, E E & M P.	C	1754 " 2.	Transit passes. Likin dues collected on goods shipped by Mr Jenkins of Hankow and covered by. Upon representations of the legation, am't collected on kerosene was refunded but it was claimed that likin could be collected on native merchandise; Min. Denby insists that issuance of transit passes frees all goods from likin. Notes encl	12/19
	1755	" 3	Legation, new offices of, occupied on the 15th of Oct. Description given. Excellence of the work praised.	12/19
C	1756	" 6	Jurisdiction over the Inland Sea of Japan. Brit. Supreme Court of China and Japan decides that altho' only two miles wide in some places, it is the highway of nations, and not under the sole jurisdiction of Japan, and that counterclaims can be filed in an action by a foreign Sovereign. Eie's newspaper article thereon	12/19
C	1757	" 8	Birthday (60th) of the Empress Dowager to be celebrated Nov. 27 with extraordinary pomp. Intended ceremonial described. Question of making a present, like other nations, discussed in the light of Statutes	12/19

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Charles Denby, Ellis	(1758	Nov. 15	Travelers in China requested to report their movements to local officials. Eng's note of Yamen making the suggestion and placing it on the ground of insuring their protection. Presents his views in favor of the plan, asks to be informed by cable if they are not approved, and adds that the opinion of other foreign representatives will govern his own action.	12/23
	(1759	" 17	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Sungpu. Settlement will be effected with Swedish Con. Gen. by Govr Gen'l of Nanking at Nankow during the Con. Gen's visit there. Notes enc'd.	12/23
	1760	" 17	Ningpo Commission of J. C. Hutchison as Con. at, returned. His exequatur as Con. at Foochow has been req'd.	12/23
	(1761	" 20	Machinery Prohibition of. Tsung li Yamen's reply to last note enc'd. It maintains it's right to enforce the.	1/6
	1762	" 21	Agriculture in China. Report on by Secy Denby Jr. enc'd. Sample seeds req'd	1/6
	1763	Dec. 14	Fair, Mid Winter, at San Francisco. Exhibits sent to will be exempt of export duties.	1/19
	(1764	" 6	Travelers in China requested to report to local officials. Rep. representatives refuse to agree to the plan proposed, as reported in 1758. Enc's note to Tsung li Yamen.	1/19
	1765	" 8	Publication. Customs Gazette, 3d Quarter 1893, transmitted.	1/24
	(1766	" 11	Machinery. Prohibition of. Reply to Yamen's note in 1761 enc'd. It disputes the position as to machinery not being mentioned in the treaties and being injurious to the people. While discussion is likely to rest at this point, the fact that it constitutes a violation of the treaties will be of use in other matters.	1/24
	(1767	" 14	Silver. Depreciation of and its effect in China. Enc's and discusses a paper on, by Brit Con. at Shanghai	1/24
	1768	" 15	834 to 836 rec'd	1/24
	1769	" 20	Furniture for legation. Further allowance of $500 for the purchase of, req'd	2/2
	(1770	" 20	Travelers in China required to report to local authorities. Enc's reply of Yamen to note in 1764. They contend that the measure is meant for better protection and is no deviation from treaty stipul's	2/13
	(1771	" 22	Duties on legation furniture purchased at Shanghai, collected under internal regulations. Inspector Gen. argues that exemption is granted to articles from abroad but cannot apply to native articles subject to coastwise or to likin taxes. In the absence of reciprocity, the matter will not be pressed. Corresp'ce enc'd	2/13
	1772	" 26	Trade of ports open to foreign commerce. Transmits the decennial reports and comments on the statistics affecting Shanghai. (Enclosure returned April 2/94)	2/13
Charles Denby Jr. Secy Charles Denby. Ellis		" 27	Accounts.	2/13
	1773	" 28	Yunnan, Province of, and its port Mengtsz open to trade in 1887. Report on its resources, climate, &c.	2/13
	1774	" 29	Kwangsi, Province of, and its port Lungchow open to trade in 1887. Report on resources, &c	2/28
	(1775	" 30	Travelers in China. Requirement that they report to local authorities. Rep. corps refuses to assent. Enc's note written to Tsung li Yamen setting forth reasons therefor.	2/28
	(1776	1894 Jan. 2	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Sungpu. Reported settlement is denounced by Swedish missionaries at Peking who propose to appeal to foreign representatives. Official report of Swed. Con Gen. not yet rec'd	2/28
	1777	" 4	Customs Report of the port of Kowloon Commissioner for 1892/93. Synopsis of the.	2/28
	1778	" 4	Leave to visit U.S., Japan or Germany, if demanded by his health, req'd	2/28
	(1779	" 5	Machinery. Prohibition of. Tsung li Yamen stands firmly on its position. Note Enc'd	2/28
	1780-1782	" 6	Accounts.	2/28
	1783	" 6	Passport Returns.	2/28
	(1784	" 9	Trade Marks. Counterfeiting of. Enc's note to Yamen requesting that a proclamation be issued to stop the practice and punish the offenders.	2/28
	1785	" 10	837 to 842 acknd.	2/28
	1786	" 10	Newspaper for legation. The "Nation" back numbers have been rec'd. Reply to 842.	2/28
	(1787	" 13	Machinery. Prohibition of. Rep. representatives, except Russia, decide to discontinue discussion and will severally claim damages when treaties are violated. Many are opposed to the use of machinery in China, and as prohibition seems to apply only to that used in the manufre of cotton, U.S. interests are not likely to be injured.	3/5
	1788	" 15	Account for repairs.	3/5
	(1789	" 15	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Sungpu. Settlement of, by punishment of murderers and indemnity. Suggestions by the English Press and Missionaries of further diplomatic action on a/c of magistrates being exonerated, not likely to be followed. Reasons therefor. Report of Vice Roy Enc'd	3/5
	1790	" 17	Account for contingent expenses.	3/5
	1791-1792	" 22	Accounts, duplicate	3/5
	1793	" 22	Passport Returns, duplicate	3/5

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Charles Denby, E&MP.	c1794	Jan. 24	Coolies. Transportation of, to Brazil. Enc's note from Yamen req's mission of concurrence at Macao, that US Consuls be directed to prevent same by US Vessels and his reply acceding thereto. Remarks that note in Con Regulations of 1888 to the effect of Sec. 2158-62 RS having been repealed by the Act of July 5'84 gives too narrow a construction of that act and should not be inserted in future editions.	3/15
	c1795	" 24	Machinery, Prohibition of. Note from Yamen claiming right to exclude any unenumerated article that is or may be injurious to the people, and denying responsibility for losses therefrom incid. In view of the consequences of this theory upon Kerosene or any other US staple, this position is controverted as an plain violation of treaties with US and France. Note encl'd	3/15.
	c1796	" 26	Travelers in China. Requirement that they report to local authorities is modified so that they are only required to produce their passports on demand. This proposition, if confined to authorities of districts or cities will likely be acceded to. Notes encl'd.	3/15.
F. D. Chesshire, Interpreter	—	" 29	Account.	3/15
Charles Denby, E&MP.	1797-1799	" 29	Accounts, duplicate.	3/15.
	c1800	" 30	Citizenship of the divorced wife of an American citizen. Expresses the opinion that Mrs Lawrence, of British birth does not lose her US citizenship from the effects of the divorce, and asks Dep's sentiment.	3/15.
	c1801	" 30	Trade marks. Counterfeiting of. Orders have been issued to investigate and prohibit the. Ref to 1784. Note encl'd	3/15.
	c1802	" 31	Jurisdiction of an Acting Consul. Reports the case of an Am. citizen tried and sentenced by the German Consul at Amoy left in charge of the US Consulate by Mr Bedloe. Holds that under Sec 4130 defining who shall be held to be Consul, jurisdiction cannot be exercised by any person not therein specified.	3/15.
	c1803	Feb. 5	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lungpu. Enc's printed petition of Swedish missionaries reciting circumstances of the murder and praying for interference of Rep. corps for further reparations; also petition of Kaukow residents to the same effect. Rep. corps declines to interfere with settlement reached by Swed. representative but urges better protection of missionaries and the return of exiled natives to Lungpu. Corresp^ce encl'd	3/26.
	1804	" 6	Personnel of legation. List encl'd.	3/26.
	1805	" 6	Electrical Units. Recommendations of Chicago Congress in^t 533. Enc's notes transmitting each the	3/26.
	c1806	" 7	Telegraph lines. Successful competition of Chinese with Cables and their improvements reported	3/26.
	1807	" 8	Silk Culture in China. Extract from the Decennial Report of the Customs Com^r at Chefoo on, encl'd	3/26.
Charles Denby Jr, Secy	—	" 9	Accounts.	4/7
Charles Denby, E&MP.	c1808	" 12	Machinery. Prohibition of. Proposal of Yamen that machinery purchased for Chinese will be admitted when accompanied by a proper certificate and that for foreigners will be admitted on paying 5% duty if not adjudged injurious to the people of China has been rejected. Notes encl'd	4/7
	1809	" 13	Birthday (60th) of the Empress Dowager. Honors conferred on Chinese high officials on the occasion of	4/7
	c1810	" 13	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lungpu. Substance of corresp^ce between Mr Denby and Yamen as published in the North China Daily News. It was apparently given out by the Missionaries and will do good	4/7
	c1811	" 19	Same subject. Enc's reply of Tsung li Yamen to note encl'd in^t 1803. Corrects a statement therein that settlement was at the time approved by it and considers the reply satisfactory altho' somewhat vague	4/7
	c1812	" 20	Birthday (60th) of the Empress Dowager. Enc's official notification of the and his reply thereto; says that presents will probably be offered by some European powers and submits the question of the US doing so.	4/7
F. D. Chesshire, Interpreter	—	" 21	Account. Duplicate.	4/14.
Charles Denby, E&MP.	1813	" 21	Amoy. Returns commission of Tsin Ching Chung as Rep. Con. at. Ref to 1756 and Dis^t 776	4/14.
	1814	" 26	Account for furniture	4/14.
	1815	" 28	Volumes of US. Reports subsequent to No 1140 req^d	4/14.
	Tel	" 28	Leave. "Ask home leave. See Despatch 1778."	3/28.
	1816	Mar 3	Confirms above and repeats Dep Tel	4/14.
	1817	" 12	Publications of the Customs service transmitted	4/23
	1818	" 16	Account, duplicate, for furniture.	4/23
	c1819	" 16	Birthday (60th) of the Empress Dowager. Suggests advisability of an autograph letter of the Pres^t on the occasion of the, discusses the question of presents and reviews questions that are pending or may arise	4/23
	1820	" 16	Departure on leave. Will take his, for Paris, on Mar 17, leaving legation in charge of Ch Denby Jr	4/23.
Charles Denby Jr. Act.	Tel	" 17	Same subject. "Minister Denby left to day."	5/4
	1821	" 17	Same subject. Confirms above; asks authority to draw for contingent expenses.	5/4.
	1822	" 23	Coinage, &c. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint.	5/4.
	1823	" 26	Legation. Charge of. Reply of Yamen to notice of his having taken, encl'd	5/4
	—	" 27	Account. -	5/4.

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Charles Denby Jr. Ch. ad int	1824-1826	April 1	Accounts	5/12
	1827	" 1	Passport Returns	5/12
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	"	" 7	Account.	5/28.
Charles Denby Jr. Chad'nt	1828	" 11	Draft for $500 allowed in Ds. 857 for furniture has been drawn this day	5/28.
	C1829	" 12	Admeasurement of Vessels. No changes since Oct. 1869. Rep^t to 855.	5/28.
	1830-1832	" 13	Accounts.	5/28.
	1833	" 14	Visit of Ex. Secretary of State John W. Foster to Peking. Courtesies extended there and at Tientsin.	5/28.
	1834-1837	" 16	Accounts = duplicate passport returns.	5/28.
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	"	" 20	Account for loss by exchange = duplicate of same	5/28.
Charles Denby Jr, Ch. ad'nt.	1838	" 21	Amoy Commission of J. H. Hoge as Consul at returned. Recog^n has been req^d for D. Henston. Rt^o 862	5/28.
	C1839	" 23	Missionaries at Nanking. Application to the legation by the, to secure for them the right to spend the summer outside of the city walls denied them by the Vice Roy on the pretext that they would be beyond his protection. The Yamen have called upon the Vice Roy for a report.	6/1.
	C1840	" 23	Chinaware and Curio. Distinction between from Chinese Customs standpoint. Enc's correspce with Consul at Tientsin in regard to a shipment on which ad valorem duty was charged as curios, and explains how difficult and possibly injurious to the trade it would be to establish a fixed.	6/1.
	1841	" 23	Supplies req^d	6/1.
	C1842	" 24	Machinery. Prohibition of. Protest of Shanghai Chamber of Commerce against recent notice excluding certain class of machinery has been examined by dips corps; it was decided to cease diplomatic action and to reserve all rights for damages to be claimed by virtue of violation of treaties.	6/1.
	1843	" 26	Trade Statistics of 1893. Encloses two copies of, and reviews same	6/1.
	C1844	" 28	Jurisdiction of an Acting Consul. ^re 869 has been given to Consul at Amoy who has been advised that proceed^gs in U.S. vs Edwards before Acting Consul Brumenwald are void.	6/1.
	1845-1846	" 30	Accounts - Duplicate	6/11
	1847	May 3	Account, gain by exchange.	5/12
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	"	" 7	Account, duplicate	5/12
Charles Denby Jr. Ch. ad int	C1848	" 9	Missionary (Swedish) troubles at Lungpu. Edict enjoining protection to Missionaries has been reported in provinces, steps taken for the release and return of friendly natives, and the magistrate at Kiacheng removed, thus completely satisfying the request of the diplomatic body reported in Desp. 1603	6/12
	1849	" 10	Shanghai. Exequatur has been granted to Thomas R. Jernigan, Con. Gen. at	6/12
	C1850	" 10	Opium. Injurious effects of its use in China. Enc's memorial of British Missionaries rel. to	6/12
	C1851	" 12	Anti-Missionary placards posted in Peking. Yamen takes immediate action to arrest the offenders and protect the Missionaries.	6/12
	C1852	" 17	Spoliation of land owned by the Ashmores at Kwatow by a mercantile guild with the connivance of local authorities. Recites circumstances of the case and Enc's note to the Yamen on the subject	6/25.
	1853	" 19	Fides. Awaits for necessary information before reporting to Coast and Geodetic Survey	6/25
	1854	" 19	Thanks of Smithsonian Institution in ^re 872 have been delivered to late Chinese Min. Chang	6/25.
	C1855	" 19	Etiquette. Credentials of Italian Minister were presented at the Chang Kuang Tien Hall. The Min^s of Russia, France and Spain are now the only ones who have refused to be received outside of the palace	7/18.
	C1856	" 23	Missionaries at Nanking. The Yamen approves refusal of permission to reside on the hills, on the ground of danger to the missionaries. Riots is apprehended and further action will be taken. Rt^o 1879	7/18
	C1857	" 23	Minister (late) of China to the U.S. Tsui Kwo Yin passed a literary examination and upon the Emperor personally inspecting the papers in competition was degraded from the second rank	7/18.
	C1858	" 26	Shipping. Taxes and dues on. Report transmitted. Rep^t to ^re 874.	7/18
	1859	June 2	Plague "bubonic fever" in China. Spread, history and characteristics of, given. Action taken by diplomatic Corps. Latest reports of abatement.	7/18
	Tel	" 2	Immigration Treaty. "Foreign office assures the treaty will be approved without alteration if ratified in the Senate."	6/2
	C1860	" 2	Same subject. Reports interview as condensed above; treaty was published in Shanghai papers and excited no comment except that some foreign representatives criticise the clause for registration of Am. laborers	7/18
	C1861	" 8	Missionary troubles in Hainan over a piece of land in Hainan, the titles to which were withheld by local authorities, who, upon refusal of missionaries to accept return of purchase money, have seized the property. Gives full account of the case and Enc's note to Tsung li. Yamen asking justice and issuance of proclamation allowing natives to freely sell land to foreigners.	7/18.

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Charles Denby, Jr, Ch. adint.	Tel	June 8	Korea. Rebellion in. "China sending troops Korea to assist that govt against insurgents"	6/8.
	C1862	" 9	Same subject. Confirms above. China's action was taken after some hesitation and Japan and Russia have been notified of her intention to withdraw troops after suppression of the rebellion	7/18
	1863	" 9	Drafts.	7/27
	C1864	" 11	Claim of Mrs Annie E.S. Stewart for injuries to premises previously occupied by Chinese legation at Washington, has been presented to Yamen and by it referred to Min. Yang Yü	7/27
	1865	" 12	Birthday of the Empress Dowager. Presents by foreign powers, if presented at all, will probably be sent through Chinese representatives at their respective capitals	7/27
	C1866	" 12	Insurrection in Manchuria. Account of, as given by the North China Daily News encl.	7/27
	C1867	" 13	Anti-foreign placards in the province of Hon-pei. Describes their nature and encloses notes to and from the Yamen asking and promising their suppression.	7/27
	C1868	" 18	Missionary troubles in Hainan over the possession of a piece of land. The Chinese Govt alleges that the purchase was fraudulent but has ordered an investigation. The Missionaries have been advised to accept the return of the purchase money and select another site. Encl Yamen's note. Refs 1861	8/6.
	C1869	" 19	Anti-foreign feeling at Canton. Upon representations of the legation the Yamen claims that it was created by the burning of Chinese houses at Canton as a sanitary measure against the plague but has ordered due protection to foreigners.	8/6
	1870	" 20	Publications "Customs Gazette" and Marine Notices transmitted.	8/6
	C1871	" 26	Japan and China. Difficulties between, on Korean insurrection growing out of sending of troops by both countries and their refusal to remove them. Statement of respective forces. Japan appears to have been more respectful of the treaty of 1885. Viceroy Li Hung Chang placed in control of the matter. Chinese triumph probable in event of war.	8/3
	C1872	" 29	Missionary troubles in Hainan over the possession of a piece of land. Viceroy at Canton promises to coöperate with missionaries in the selection of the site.	8/16
	1873	July 3	Account for rent.	8/16
	1874	" 3	Passport returns.	8/16
	C1875	" 3	Attack on two American missionary ladies at Canton. Encl clipping from N.C. Daily News describing same. Legn has thanked Mr. Barton of Imp. Maritime Customs for his services in rescuing the ladies.	8/16
	Tel.	" 3	Japan and China. "Korea situation critical. Hostilities imminent. Chinese Govt shows conciliatory attitude in spite of aggressive action of Japan and asks good offices of England and Russia to secure peaceful solution"	7/3
	C1876	" 5	Chinese as acting consuls. Yamen objects to delegation of consular functions to Chinese subjects. Our Consul at Chinkiang has been instructed not to leave the interpreter in charge. Gneral instructions to this effect requested.	8/16
	1877	" 5	Japan and China in Korea. Encls clippings from "N. China Daily News" on Korean situation.	8/16
	1878	" 5	Same subject. Encls clippings from "N.C. D.N." concerning Chinese army and navy.	8/16
	"	" 5	Account for salary.	8/16
F.D. Cheshire. Interpreter	"	" 5	Account for salary.	8/16
	"	" 5	Account for loss by exchange.	8/16
Charles Denby, Jr. Ch. ad int.	1879	" 6	Japan and China, Trouble between. Brit. Min. at Peking requests U.S. take initiative in uniting other great powers in a protest at Tokio against Japan making war. Mr Denby declines unless requested by Yamen. Peaceful solution seems probable. Confirms tel. of 3rd inst from Legn	8/16
	Tel.	" 8	Same subject. "The Viceroy Li requests U.S. to take the initiative urging powers to unite in request to Japan to withdraw troops Korea"	7/8
	C1880	" 8	Same subject. Confirms above and quotes tel. to him from Consul at Tientsin on the subject	8/24
	1881	" 9	Publications - "Customs Medical Reports" transmitted.	8/24
	1882	" 9	Birthday of the Empress Dowager. Diplomatic Corps will probably be asked to participate in the celebration in a befitting manner.	8/24
	1883	" 9	Bimetallic Conference at city of Mexico. China accepts Mexico's invitation to send delegates to.	8/24
Charles Denby E.E. & M.P.	"	" 10	Arrived at Washington on duty as per instruction of July 6.	7/10
Charles Denby Jr. Ch. ad int.	1884	" 12	Account for repairs.	8/24
	1885	" 13	Japan and China in Korea. Text of Dep. tel of July 9. Substance of same has been communicated to Viceroy Li. Japanese have withdrawn steamers from regular lines. Chinese military loan rumored.	8/24
	1886	" 16	Publications - "Customs Returns of Trade" transmitted.	8/24

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Charles Denby, Jr., Chargé d'Aff.	1857	July 16	Account for contingent expenses	8/24
	1858	" 16	Account (duplicate) for rent	8/24
	1859	" 16	Passport returns (duplicate)	8/24
	1890	" 17	Supplies — passport blanks — reg'd.	8/24
	C1891	" 17	Protection of foreigners at Canton, Points out necessity for efficient protection. Suggests cooperation with British Navy to secure this end.	8/24
	C1892	" 17	Manufacturing in Shanghai. Cheap labor and cheap silver combine to stimulate all kinds of manufacturing. Cotton, silk, and paper mills are numerous and Shanghai is becoming a modern industrial city.	8/24
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F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter	4	" 20	Accounts (2 duplicates)	
Charles Denby Jr, Ch. d'aff.	5	" 23	Account (loss by exchange)	9/11
	Tel	" 25	Protection of Japanese in China in the event of war. Reports favorable answer of China to request made at instance of U.S. Minister to Japan and requests instructions.	7/25
	C1893	" 25	Same subject. Quotes tel: from Tokio and to Dep. reports interview with Tsung-li-Yamen, and reasons which appear to make war between China and Japan inevitable.	9/11
	1894-6	" 26/27	Accounts.	9/11
	C1897	" 27	Protection of Japanese in China. Arrangements of Japanese legation have been made and U.S. Consuls in China informed by enclosed circular.	9/11
	C1898	" 27	Vice Roy Li Hung Chang's conduct of Korean affairs to be investigated by two commissioners. Grounds of dissatisfaction with his acts given. Emperor favors war with Japan.	9/11
	C1899	" 28	War between China and Japan. Sinking of the Brit. SS "Kowshing" while carrying Chinese troops to Korea by Japanese War Ship Naniwa reported. Terms under which she was chartered as a transport ship by China given. War not yet declared.	9/1
	Tel	" 28	Same subject. "Yamen announces outbreak of hostilities, requests instructions American Minister Tokio assume protection Chinese."	7/29
	1900	" 30	Same subject. Confirms above and encloses notes exchanged with Yamen. Japanese Minister is still without instructions from his Govt and has not been asked by China to withdraw.	9/12
	C1901	" 30	Same subject. Acknowledges Dep. tels of July 27. No request regarding protection of Japanese yet made by Japan's representative.	9/12
	1902	" 31	Tien-tsin and Chefoo. Recogr granted to Messrs Jenny and Donnelly as V. Con and Con. Agt at, respectively	9/12
	1903	" 31	Account, duplicate, for loss by exchange.	9/12
	C1904	" 31	Protection of Japanese in China by U.S. officers. Encloses circular to Consuls further defining their rights and duty in regard to the, warning them to act as officers of the U.S. not of Japan	9/12
Charles Denby, E.E. & M.P.	Tel	" 31	Departure for post." Will leave for China whenever directed."	7/31
Charles Denby Jr. Ch. d'aff.	Tel	Aug 1	"War is declared. Japanese Chargé d'affaires left Peking to-day. Has placed interests Japanese subjects in charge of legation of the U.S. Outbreak feared Tien-tsin. Request war-vessel."	8/2
	C1905	" 2	Same subject. Confirms above and encloses notes exchanged with Japanese Chargé and Yamen rel. to protection of Japanese in China. U.S. Consuls notified by telegraph.	9/12
	1906	" 2	Same subject. Outbreak apprehended at Tien-tsin owing to large number of Japanese residents there and possibility of operations of war. Presence of U.S. war vessel there desirable. Ref to tel of Aug 1.	9/12
	1907	" 3	Same subject. Legation, owing to interruption of communications between Japan and China, was called upon by both parties to secure information as to actual condition of affairs and opened direct telegraphic correspondence to that end with legation of the U.S. at Tokio.	9/12
	1908	" 4	Same subject. Request of China to be informed of movements of U.S. Ships in Chinese waters on the plea that Japanese war vessels are flying foreign flags. Enc's notes from & to Yamen.	9/12
	1909	" 4	Same subject. Victory of Chinese at Yashan. Enc's decree awarding 20000 taels to the troops encl. Expresses doubt as to accuracy of reported loss of the Japanese.	9/12
	C1910	" 4	Same subject. Causes of and events leading to the war from the standpoint of China. Enc's note of the Yamen to foreign representatives setting forth the, and attaching responsibility therefor to Japan	9/12
	1911	" 5	Same subject. Decree setting forth causes of the war with Japan, ordering troops to Korea and the destruction of all Japanese vessels encl.	9/22
	1912	" 5	Same subject. Respective forces of China & Japan. Statement as given by the North China Daily News encl	9/22
	C1913	" 6	Same subject. Severance of relations with Japanese representative. Enc's note of Tsungli Yamen to Mr Komura notifying him of, this doc. constitutes China's declaration of war.	9/22

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Charles Denby Jr. Ch. ad int.	1914	Aug. 6	War. Closing of Hwang-pu River by China dispite Japan's declaration that Shanghai will not be attacked. Only one channel left open for merchant vessels. Enc's item rel. to Jap. declaration	9/22
	1915	" 6	Same subject. Safety for foreigners is assured by Chinese Govt. Enc's note to that effect, reply urging that peaceful Japanese who were not mentioned in note should receive equal protection, and Legn circular to the Consuls on the subject.	9/22
	Tel	" 6	Same subject. Exemption of merchant vessels from capture. "China proposes to Japan mutually to abstain from molesting merchant vessels. Have tel'd the U.S. Minister to Japan."	8/6
	1916	" 7	Same subject. Closing of port of Ning-po by the Tao-tai. Consul has been tel'd that no objection can be made	9/22
	c1917	" 7	Same subject. Sinking of the "Kowshing" by the Japse. Statements of survivors enc'd.	9/22
	1918	" 8	Birthday of the Empress Dowager. Letter of congratulations in hrs. 892 will be delivered at proper time	9/22
	1919	" 8	War. Spies threatened with severe treatment. Enc's note from Yamen and reply advocating leniency	9/22
	c Tel	" 10	Same subject. Right of search of neutral vessels. "China proposes to exercise the right of searching American merchant vessels. Does Government of the U.S. concede?"	8/10.
	c1920	" 10	Same subject. Right of China to close ports and forbid entry after certain hours is conceded, that of search within territorial waters has never been exercised against European shipping, altho' apparently justifiable. Enc's correspondence with Consul at Shanghai on the subject.	9/22
	c1921	" 11	Same subject. Exemption of merchant vessels from capture. Refers to tel. of Aug 6 and telegraphic correspondence with legation at Tokio in regard to the status of negotiations given.	9/22
	Tel	" 11	Same subject. "Japanese bombarded Wei Hai Wei yesterday. Blockade (of) Tien-tsin feared."	8/11
	1922	" 12	Same subject. Press comments on the decree of declaration of war and the attitude of belligerents enc'd.	9/22
	1923	" 13	Defensive measures at the entrance of Pei-ho river taken in consequence of the attack of Wei-hai-wei and Port Arthur by Japanese fleet. Fear of foreigners in the event of defeat of Chinese army. Notes enc'd.	10/.
	c1924	" 13	Sinking of "Kowshing" by Japanese ship "Naniwa". Enc's sworn statement of Baron von Kasmetkin shows that Chinese soldiers fired on their own men in the water; hereafter troops on transports will not be given arms.	10/.
	—	" 14	Leave to visit U.S. after Mrs. Denby's return, requested.	10/.
	c1925	" 14	Outrage on Japanese passengers by Chinese soldiers at Tong-kin. Account of Enc'd. Vice roy expresses regret and promises punishment of offenders and restoration of stolen property.	10/.
	1926.	" 14	Account for tels.	10/.
	1927	" 14	Spies. Yamen replies to note in #1919 that transportation to Japan would not be adequate punishment, explains his reasons for urging leniency. Consul at Tien-tsin has been advised by legation to request to be informed as an act of courtesy of the arrest and examination of such spies	10/.
	c1928	" 15	Defensive measures. Foreign war vessels if unannounced will be fired on at Taku. Vice roy notified that such action would be taken at his own risk and Yamen informed of the difficulties in the way of giving previous notice of visit of war vessels.	10/.
	1929	" 15	Same subject. Torpedoes have been laid at entrance of Pei-ho river at Taku. Notice enc'd	10/.
	c1930	" 16	Jurisdiction of U.S. Consuls in cases to which Chinese subjects in Japan are parties. Yamen declares that that right would be granted to Consuls in China and asks that the same be extended in Japan. Mr. Denby replies that good offices did not include right to pass upon disputes between Japanese and Chinese	10/.
	1931	" 17	Account for tels.	10/.
	c1932	" 17	Defensive measures. Vessels approaching Chinese ports required to stop until communicated with by officers of the port. U.S. Naval Commander has been informed. Notes enc'd	10/.
	c1933	" 18	Jurisdiction of U.S. Consuls. Proposition reported in #1930 has again been presented by Vice Roy Li Hung Chang who was also informed that it is impracticable	10/.
	Tel	" 18	Alarm at Tientsin. "In case of defeat of Chinese mobs apprehended Tientsin request war vessel	8/18.
	1934	" 19	Confirms above, quoting from Consul's letter which prompted his sending it.	10/.
	Tel	" 20	Exemption of merchant vessels from seizure. "China and Japan were both willing to exempt merchant vessels of the other from seizure, but the negotiations have failed because Japan wished her vessels to continue coming to China and the Yamen could not revoke Imperial order to destroy Japanese ships entering Chinese ports."	8/21.
	c1935	" 20	Confirms above.	10/.
	c1936	" 21	Right of search. Chinese admiral proposes that foreign steamers in Korean waters may be stopped and visited for purposes of identification. The proposal not favorably received by foreign representatives. Enc's notes from and to Yamen	10/.

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Charles Denby Jr. Ch. ad int.	Tel.	Aug 21	Spies arrested in French settlement at Shanghai were delivered to US Consul by French Consul. Surrender to Chinese authorities refused by US Consul pending investigation. Right of China is doubted and delay has been requested of Yamen by legation until Consul's report is received.	8/21.
Charles Denby. Ex & Min.	Tel	" 21	Return to post." Tel. rec'd. Arrived here today. Can start for China immediately. Are my papers awaiting me at Evansville. Do I go on "Charleston"?	8/21
	Tel	" 20	Same subject. "I will sail for China Sept 6."	8/22
Charles Denby Jr. Ch. ad int.	1937	" 25	Long instct. Conf. mine above.	
		" 21	Right of search. No attempt to exercise, except for purposes of identification, as reported in 1920 and 1936 has yet been made by China. Text of desp. tel.	10/1.
	1938	" 22	Exemption of merchant vessels from seizure by either belligerent party. History of negotiations as conducted by legations of US in China and Japan and causes of their failure recited. Corresp. Encl'd	10/1
	1939	" 23	Sinking of transport "Kowshing" by Japanese man-of-war. Enc's testimony and statements of Captain and first officer of the ship.	10/11
	1940	" 24	Murder of Messenger Wylie (Scotch) by Chinese soldiers at Liao Yang reported.	10/11
	1941	" 25	War. Exemption of light house tenders from molestation requested at the instance of Customs Service has been refused by China. In view of importance to commercial interests, suggests representations to Japan	10/11
	Tel	" 26	Spies arrested in Shanghai." Received tels 23 and 24 Aug. Unfortunately latter one lost. Under the international rule in the Shanghai settlements French Consul had not the right to surrender Japanese to Chinese officials. Arrests can only be made on the concessions by order of Consuls. Chinese arrested tried by the mixed court, foreigners delivered to their Consuls. Japanese were delivered to US Consul General because US protects the interests of Japanese. US Con. Gen. reports alleged spies were schoolboys peacefully and openly living Shanghai. I request that I be directed to order examination by US Con Gen. with Chinese official present. China shd not be allowed to inflict barbarous treatment if guilty."	8/26.
	Tel.	" 29	Same subject. "US Con. Gen. telegraphs alleged two spies have resided Shanghai 3 years as students. The papers in their possession such as intelligent students might prepare for personal information. Suggest Consuls of US shall act as arbitrators. I state many Japanese have worn Chinese clothing without objection though contrary to Treaty."	9/28.
	1942	" 27	Spy arrested at Chinhai. Consul at Ningpo has been instructed to confine himself to securing fair trial and averting barbarous treatment.	10/11
	1943	" 28	Mails and telegrams. Unsatisfactory condition of service resulting from the war. Cipher tels only allowed to and from legations and must even then be sealed by the Yamen	10/11
	1944	" 28	Registration of Japanese in China. Yamen after requiring a, finally accepts that a list of those residing at Shanghai be furnished by the US legation. Correspce encl'd.	10/11
	1945	" 29	Account for tels duplicate.	10/11
	1946	" 29	Victory reported by Chinese General at Kiung Chow near Ning Yang. Enc's decree rel. to a, which however has not been confirmed.	10/11
	1947	" 31	Destitute Chinese Seamen in Japan. Yamen will pay sums expended by Consuls of US for their relief. Other Chinese persons must look to their guilds for relief.	10/11
	Tel	" 31	Spies arrested at Shanghai "I have rec'd your cipher tel. 29th US Min. to Japan tels that Jap. Govt assures two Japanese are not spies. Jap. Govt requests China take no action until Mr. Denby arrives. Will you authorize me to make the proposition to Chinese Govt or do you order immediate unconditional surrender to Chinese Govt."	8/31
	1948	Sept. 1	Account for tels	10/11
	1949	" 1	Spies arrested at Shanghai have been delivered to Chinese authorities. Explains that his action in the case was based on the fact that they were arrested in foreign settlement and according to precedents should have been tried before a mixed court and further on grounds of humanity.	10/11
	1950	" 4	Tsung li Yamen. Two new members, Ching Shin and Wang Ming kuan appointed.	10/11
	1951	" 4	Spies. Alleged shelter given to one by Consul at Hankow. Enc's instruction sent to Consul upon the Yamen's complaint. Doubts whether said Japanese was a spy and illustrates precarious status of Japanese in China by citing rewards offered for information.	10/11
	1952	" 5	Spy arrested at Tien-tsin. At telegraphic request from legation at Tokyo, his release was asked by Consul and refused by the Viceroy. Indications are that Ishikawa is really a spy	10/27
	1953	" 6	Rewards offered by Chinese high officials for the sinking of Japanese vessels and heads of Japanese soldiers. Condemns these as encouraging slaughter. Yamen refuses to hear remonstrances on the subject. Proclamation of the Gov. of Formosa enclosed.	10/27

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Charles Denby Jr. Ch. daffaires[c]	1954	Sept 7	Outrage on Japanese passengers of SS "Chungking" by Chinese soldiers. Referring to #1925 enclosed statement of the captain of the steamer and affidavit of the Chief officer.	10/27.
	1955	" 7	Account for tels, duplicate.	10/27
	1956	" 7	Medical Reports of the Chinese Customs. Service Enc'd.	10/27
	c1957	" 8	Neutrality of the US Chinese Steamers transferred to US flag being chartered to carry contraband of war Consul Gen at Shanghai refused clearance and secured landing of the cargo whereupon sale of Stmr was canceled.	10/27
	c1958	" 8	Spies arrested at Shanghai. Enc's correspondence with Consul General in further explanation of legation's action. French Min. holds that the French Consul had no right to deliver the spies to Chinese authorities and foreign representatives thought that they should have been given a hearing before a foreign official before surrender	10/27
	1959	" 9	Same subject. Text of tels exchanged	10/27
	c1960	" 10	Exemption of merchant vessels from seizure. Enc's notes of the Japanese Govt explaining its refusal	10/27
	c1961	" 12	Defensive measures of China at Wei. Hai. Wei. Regulations for ships approaching that station Enc'd	10/27
	1962	" 13	Account for tels	10/27
	c1963	" 13	Trade Marks. Counterfeiting of. Yamen advises the legation that it is done by foreign merchants and the Consul General at Shanghai has been asked to investigate and suggest as to best means of stopping the	10/27
	Tel	" 15	Neutrality of Shanghai "In behalf of the American settlement you are requested to use influence to induce Japan to respect the neutrality of Shanghai which is again menaced"	9/15
	c1964	" 15	Same subject. Confirms the above, adding that Japan's attitude is largely justified by the action of China which is availing herself of promised exemption from attack to make war preparations there	10/31
	c1965	" 15	Cipher (commercial) telegrams, originally prohibited, are now permitted on condition that code book will be presented at telegraph office with the telegram, action of the legation to secure this, recited	10/31
	c1966	" 17	Shanghai. Efficient services of Consul Gen. Jernigan at, in behalf of Japanese residents, commended	10/31.
	1967	" 17	Tidal phenomena Reports prepared by Customs Service are to be forwarded to Coast and Geod. Survey directly	10/31.
	Tel	" 18	Vice Roy Li Hung Chang reprimanded. "Imperial decree published here last night reproaches Vice Roy Li's misconduct of the war. Emperor deprives him of his two chief decorations and threatens further punishment.	9/18.
	c1968	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above; disgrace largely provoked by Li's enemy was previously visited on his son discusses possible effect of differences between Emperor and Li upon the war and internal affairs.	10/31
	Tel	" 18	War operations in Korea." Telegraphic communication between Peking and Chinese army in Korea cut off by Japanese. The last reports Japanese effected on the 15th surrounding of Chinese army which is starving. Confidentially am informed that Emperor has attempted to extort a sum of money from the Vice Roy at Tientsin."	9/18.
	c1969	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above giving particulars of reported attempt to extort money from Li.	10/31.
	Tel	" 19	Same subject "Naval engagement off North Korea seventeenth. Five Chinese, three Japanese vessels reported destroyed. Chinese fleet at Port Arthur."	9/19
	1970	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above, adding that all Chinese vessels engaged were injured and the admiral wounded.	10/31
	1971	" 19	Account for tels Duplicate.	10/31
	c1972	" 20	Murder of Missionary Urglie (Scotch). Punishment inflicted on participants and pecuniary loss reimbursed. Refers to #1910.	10/31.
	c1973	" 20	Treaty between Japan and Gt Britain. Adverse criticism of the, by foreigners in China. Quotes from the Shanghai "Mercury" deprecating surrender of extra-territoriality.	10/31.
	1974	" 21	Treaties of China with foreign powers have been compiled but not published by Customs Service. Korean treaties have been published and may be forwarded if desired. Reply to #907.	10/31.
	1975	" 21	Newspapers for legation. Washington "Post" and NY "Nation" desired.	10/31.
	1976	" 22	Defeats of the Chinese on land and at sea. Particulars of the battles of Ping Yang and Yalu River.	10/31.
	c1977	" 24	Spy shot and beheaded at Tientsin, after confession of his Chinese accomplice. Fears that severity of punishment may justify retaliation on the part of Japan. Refers to 1952.	10/31
	c1978	" 24	Spoliation of land owned by the Ashmores at Swatow. Chinese Govt has decided that the guilds has no right to the disputed property, and ordered an investigation into Ashmore's title. Refers to 1852.	10/31
	1979	" 25	Account for tels duplicate.	10/31.
	c1980	" 25	Alliance between Korea and Japan. Text of Convention published in the "North China Daily News"	10/31.

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Charles Denby Jr. Charge ad int	1981	Sept 25	Birthday of the Empress Dowager. Korean Embassy, bearer of presents, arrived at Peking Sept 6. It had left before declaration of war, and, notwithstanding reported alliance of Korea and Japan, has been well received.	10/31.
	Tel	" 26	Same subject "Imperial decree published last night cancels extraordinary ceremonials in honor of Empress's birthday because of the war."	9/26
	1982	" 26	Same subject Cancellation of ceremonies was decreed at the instance of the Empress herself and will save to the Chinese Treasury for war purposes 3000000 taels. Confirms above.	10/31
	1983	" 27	Murder (political) of Korean reformer Kim-ok-Kuin. Referring to posthumous honors bestowed on him in Korea, reviews the history of Kim's and of his assassination at Shanghai by Hong Jyong Hoon (consigned in 1894) who was then delivered by China to Korea which latter rewarded him for the deed.	10/31.
	Tel	" 30	Tsung li Yamen "Prince Kung is appointed President [of the] Foreign office and Chief of the admiralty. Disembarkation of Japanese troops on Gulf Coast anticipated."	9/30
	1984	" 30	Same subject. Confirms above, encloses decree. Prince Kung is the Emperor's uncle and while holding the same office, prior to 1884, he commanded the respect and good will of the diplomatic corps.	11/13
	1985	" 30	Invasion by sea, threatened. 50000 Japanese troops are reported to have sailed from Hiroshima	11/13
	1986	" 30	Safety of Americans in Peking. Tsung li Yamen assumes responsibility for the.	11/13.
	1987	Oct 3	Inferiority of China in the war. She was wholly unprepared and further weakened by insubordination and cowardice in the army, and corruption in the civil service. China recognizes her disadvantage and is seeking the advice of foreign representatives. War likely to bring about reform.	11/13
	1988	" 3	Safety of missionaries in Peking. Apprehensions for the, in the event of Japanese landing, was made known to them and they were advised to send their wives and children to places of safety	11/13
	1989	" 11	Consular Courts. Mileage of witnesses. Consul at Tien Tsin has been advised that the rate established by law, 15¢ per mile, is a maximum and need not be assessed when in excess of actual expenses.	11/19
	1990	" 11	Protection of a Japanese student at Peking Relates how he sent him on board USS Monocacy.	11/19
	1991	" 5	Seizure of British Ship "Pathan" by Chinese cruiser. Discusses the case as bearing on the possibilities for China to destroy the commerce of Japan which is a party to the Declaration of Paris as to neutral ships while China is not. Britain has not so far protested, and an inquiry is being held, and the ship allowed to proceed to Shanghai under bond. American goods will be delivered.	11/19
	1992	" 8	Safety of foreigners in Pekin Proclamation and note of the Yamen enc'd. Refers to 1986.	11/19
	1993	" 9	Defensive measures of China. Closing of the port of Foochow to Commerce. Vessels will have to discharge and load at the entrance of the river. Regulations enc'd.	11/19
	1994	" 9	Telegrams from Consul at Tientsin. He has been advised to send his account to the Dep.	11/19
	1995	" 10	Battle, Naval, at Yalu. Account printed in the North China Daily News enc'd.	11/19
	1996	" 11	Cholera in Peking supposed to have been brought by students undergoing the examinations.	11/19
	1997-1998	" 13	"930 = 925 a.o.c.d."	11/19
	1999	" 14	Seizure of Japanese Vessel at Taku on Aug 2. China determined to release and send her back to Japan, under command of a foreigner with a Chinese crew. Refers to 1921.	11/19
	2000	" 14	Safety of missionaries at Peking. Enc's decree and reports steps taken for the, by Chinese Govt	11/19
	2001	" 15	Battle, Naval, of Yalu. Fuller account of the, printed in the North China Daily News enc'd	11/19
	Tel	" 15	Safety of foreigners at Peking "Reports of danger of residence Peking exaggerated. Only one attack on Americans, insignificant, promptly punished. Excellent proclamation enjoining the protection of foreigners issued at my request."	10/15
	2002	" 15	Same subject Confirms above; apprehensions reported in "1988 have considerably abated	11/19
	2003	" 22	Spies arrested in Shanghai. Execution at Nanking on Oct 8. reported. Not known what proof of guilt was found	12/3
	2004	" 23	War between China + Japan. Chinese Govt has formally expressed to the British Minister at Peking its willingness to withdraw from the war on terms favorable to Japan. It is willing to concede the independence of Korea + to pay a war indemnity. A forced termination of hostilities for foreigners not desired at present. Gt. Britain's reasons for willing peace.	12/3
	Tel	" 27	Same subject "Japan rejects overtures for peace. Japanese troops entering into Manchuria."	10/27
Charles Denby, Chargé d'Affaires ad int	2005	" 27	Same subject. Confirms above, giving a brief account of measures taken by China in consequence	12/10.
	Tel	" 28	Return to post." Arrived October 27."	10/28
	2006	" 29	Confirms above.	12/10
	Tel	" 30	War. "Chinese forces have been defeated at Chin-lien-cheng; have retreated to Motuken. Japanese have taken one fort at Port Arthur. They propose to take others to-morrow."	10/30
	2007	" 30	Confirms above	12/10

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Charles Denby	c2008	Oct 30	Warlike spirit in Japan in striking contrast to apathy in China. Interviews with Jap. Min for Fo. and Vice Roy Li Hung Chang on way to Peking	12/10
	2009	" 31	Safety of foreigners at Peking would be endangered in the event of the court abandoning the city. U.S. Admiral has been requested to send a force of 50 men to the 'Monocacy' for detail at Peking if requested by the legation.	12/10
	c2010	" 31	Mediation of the U.S. sought by China under the treaty of 1858. At interview for the purpose of obtaining that Ceremonial letter on the occasion of the Queen's birthday be delivered at the Palace, the Yamen made a pressing appeal for the, promising to recognize Korea's independance	12/10.
	Tel	Nov. 3	Mediation. Appeal of China for. Quotes note of the Yamen requesting U.S. to intervene under the treaty of 1858 and recommends mediation as the last effort to save dynasty and empire. The same request has been made of England, France, Germany and Russia. Basis of negotiations given.	11/3.
	2011	" 3	War. Prince Kung's appointment as chief director of military affairs at Peking is taken as a good indication for preservation of peace at Peking. Orders rewarding Admiral Ting have been cancelled and General Wei has been degraded and will be tried.	12/20.
	c2012	" 4	Mediation. Text of tel. to Dep. of Nov. 3.	12/20.
	√c2013	" 4	Same subject. Interview with the Yamen as the, reported. Representatives of England, Germany, France, Russia and himself agreed to telegraph to their respective govts Text of the prayer given.	
	—		Etiquette. Letters of congratulation to the Empress Dowager will be presented at the palace proper.	12/20
	c2014	" 5	Extraterritoriality of Chinese and Japanese in belligerent countries. Correctness of views in Ins 946 has been confirmed by Japanese Ordinance of Augst.	12/20.
	c2015	" 5	Protection of Japanese. Raising of U.S flag over Japanese public property. Ins" 939 has not yet been communicated to Consuls who might consider it an order so to do, whence popular disturbances might arise.	12/20.
	Tel	" 6	War. "Japanese have taken Foo chow in the Gulf of Liaotung, approaching Shan haikwan; two campaigns against Moukden, Tien Tsin.	11/6.
	c2016	" 6	Confirms above.	12/20.
	c2017	" 6	Spies arrested at Shanghai. Adverse criticisms in the Mercury, of the article in N.Y Herald by John Russel Young condemning the surrender of. enclosed.	12/20.
	2018	" 6	Battle of Ping Yang. Description of the, by Mr de Guerville, Enclosed.	12/20
	2019	" 8	War vessels of the U.S. Request of China that she be notified in advance of their movements. Refers to D. 1908 and Ins 945 and explains attitude of Chargé Denby in the matter.	12/20.
	2020	" 10	Text of Dep. tel" of Nov. 6.	12/20.
	Tel.	" 10	Mediation. "Yamen is favorably disposed to accept sole mediation of the Pres" of U.S. If Japan accepts China will instantly. China embarrassed by the proposition made by them to the five other powers to intervene and cannot give positive answer to your proposal until she knows whether they will intervene or not."	11/10.
	c2021	" 10	Confirms above.	12/20.
	c2022	" 10	Mediation. Relates interview with Yamen as condensed in tel. of Nov. 10.	12/20
	2023	" 11	Same subject. Text of Dep. tel. of Nov. 8.	12/20.
	c2024	" 13	Audience by the Emperor at the "prohibited city" on the occasion of the Empress Dowager's birthday. Description given; written ceremonial and addresses encl.	12/20
	Tel	" 13	Legation. Second Secretary of. "Beg appointment Edward K. Lowry, Ohio, resident Peking, Second Secretary. He will resign when rush over."	1/13
	2025	" 13	Same subject. Confirms above, gives Mr Lowry's qualifications and reasons for appointment.	12/20.
Edward K. Lowry, 2nd Sec'y Charles Denby, Ex. & M.P.	—	" 13	Oath of office encl'd.	1/20
	2026	" 15	Text of Dep. tel. of Nov. 13.	12/20.
	c2027	" 16	Political condition of China. Comments on the universal corruption among all classes & the incompetence of the rulers, including the Imperor. Dangers anticipated at Peking. Will remain at post as long as possible	12/28
	2028	" 16	Collisions at sea. Rules adopted by U.S., France, & Gt. Br. rel. to, Dep'ts #956 ack'd	12/28
	c2029	" 17	Outrage on Japanese passengers by Chinese soldiers on the British ship "Chungking" at Tongku. Refers to Ins #1925 + reports that the incident is closed so far as Gt. Br. is concerned, reparation for the insult having been made by Chinese	12/28
	c2030	" 19	Mediation between China and Japan. Has notified the Yamen of Preside's willingness to cooperate in determining the amt of indemnity to be paid by China. The Ministers in reply expressed sense of congratulation and appreciation of Preside's offer.	12/28
	2031	" 21	Chinese students in America. Reports the subsequent history of a number of former students. Their gallantry in the war.	12/28
	Tel.	" 23	War between China and Japan. "Yesterday China made through me direct overtures to Japan for peace, basis independence Korea war indemnity. Yalu army made sick. Each of the Navy strengthen. Many men enter hospitals. Can not recruit men for service Peking."	12/28

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Charles Denby E. & M.P.	2032	Nov 23	Protection of Americans in Peking. Explains why he sent tel. of this date asking increase of Marine guard.	12/28
	2033	"	War between China and Japan. Reports telegraphing to Japanese authority of China making direct overtures for peace.	12/28
	2034	" 24	Red Cross Society. Organization of, at Tien Tsin to care for Sick and wounded of Chinese army. Report for Consul encl.	12/28
	Tel	" 24	War. Port Arthur taken 22nd.	11/24
	2	" 25	Same subject. Confirms above; no particulars as yet recd.	1/11.
	2034B	" 26	Collisions at Sea. Note to Yamen rel. to, encl;	1/11.
	2035	" 27	Thanks of Chamber of Commerce at Foo chow to Charge Denby in matter of cipher tel. Letter encl	1/11.
	2036	" 27	Leave. Departure of Sir Charles Denby Jr, on Nov. 27, announced.	1/11.
	2037	" 29	Chinese servants of legation and American residents in Peking. List has been requested by Yamen and will be furnished.	1/11
	2038	" 29	Text of Dep. tel of Nov. 26.	1/11
C	2039	" 30	Bible presented to the Empress Dowager in behalf of Chinese Christian women. Notes encl	1/11.
	Tel.	" 30	Peace negotiations. Japan insists that China appoint Plenipotentiary before making terms known. China pleads for indication of basis, after which she will appoint Plenipotentiary.	11/30.
C	2040	" 30	Same subject. Confirms above; all tels rel. to peace negotiations are sent at Yamen's expense	1/11
	2041	Dec 1	Concubines of the Emperor. Decree rel. to interference of two, in affairs at the Court, and punishment by reducing their rank encl.	1/11
C	2042	" 1	Peace Negotiations. Tels exchanged with Min. Com at Tokyo quoted. Reports interview with the Yamen who seemed to think that Ld. Min. was acting as mediator and had to be undeceived on that point, note stating that China would like to be informed of basis of negotiations encl	1/11.
	2043	" 1	Collisions at Sea. Treas'y Circular in Ins. 358 has been forwarded to Yamen.	1/11.
	2044	" 3	Foreign Relations of 1894. Requests that corresp. rel. to Murder of Missionaries at Sungpu and Machinery Prohibition be published in the.	1/11.
	2045	" 4	Text of Dep. tel. of Dec 2.	
	Tel.	" 5	Immigration Treaty ought [to] have reached London seventeenth ultimo.	
			Peace Negotiations. Dec. 2 Japan again refused to declare conditions until China appointed Min. Plenipot.y to treat. I urged an early appoint.t China considers question. China will probably answer today.	12/5
C	2046	" 5	Confirms above.	1/11
	2047	" 5	Immigration Treaty was mailed via Shanghai and London Sept 23. Encloses note from Yamen	1/11
	Tel.	" 8	Peace negotiations. China still considering appoint.t of Min. Plenip.y. China will probably appoint in four days.	12/8.
	2048	" 8	Same subject. Tels exchanged with Dep. and U.S. legation; gives an account of his interview with the Yamen and adverts to the ignorance and helplessness of the Ministers who continue to look upon him as a mediator.	1/11.
	Tel.	" 9	Spies and rewards offered by Taotai at Shanghai. Gives substance of the proclamation ref. to in Dep tel	12/8.
C	2049	" 10	Confirms above.	1/18.
	2050	" 10	960 to 966 acks	1/18.
	2051	" 10	Text of Dep tel. of Dec 7.	1/18
	2052	" 10	Text of Dep. tel. of Dec 6.	1/18
C	2053	" 10	Spies. Punishment inflicted to. Quotes International Law (Hall) to the effect that death penalty should be inflicted only in extreme cases. Refers to Ins. 963 and reports the arrest of a Japanese employed by the leg. to guard Japanese public property; withholds action in view of peace negotiations	1/18
C	2053B	" 10	Red Cross Society's offer to remove wounded Chinese Soldiers from Port Arthur rejected by Japanese Admiral. Refers to 2034 and encloses newspaper account of the expedition of the Ld Foo Nan.	1/18.
C	2054	" 11	Spies. Rewards for the arrest of, and Killing of Japanese soldiers. Proclamation issued by the Arsenal at Shanghai offering, enclosed.	1/18.
	2055	" 11	Immigration Treaty was mailed from London on Nov. 24.	1/18.
C	2056	" 12	Presents to Ld Minister on the occasion of Empress' birthday. Enc's note accompanying, and refers to precedent of 1889 in the matter; suggestions as to disposition to be made of them.	1/18.
	2057	" 12	Text of Dep tel. of Dec 10.	1/18.
C	2058	" 13	Viee Roy Li Hung Chang. Arraignment of, in a memorial published in the North China News encl	1/18
	Tel	" 12	Peace negotiations. Text of tel sent to Ld Min. at Tokyo setting forth acceptance by China of appoint.t of plenipotentiaries, suggestion of Shanghai for place of meeting and request that date be given beforehand	1/18.
C	2059	" 13	Confirms above.	1/18.

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Charles Denby Ex & M.P.	C 2060	Dec. 13	Marine Guard for legation will not be ordered from Tientsin unless Japanese march on Peking. Thanks Dep. for its tel. of Nov 26.	1/18.
	C 2061	" 15	Detention of junks chartered by foreigners and seizure of illegal fees on the Yangtze River. Encloses note to Yamen requesting that orders be issued to prevent the.	1/29
	2062	" 17	Text of Dep. tel. of Dec. 14.	2/7
	2063	" 18	Telegraphic correspondence with the Dep. via Western Union Chinese telegraph Co has been requested to forward the, and replied that it could only transmit indications as to route free of charge.	2/7
	C 2064	" 18	Marine Guard for legation. Russian Min, contrary to statement in #2060, requested and was refused permission to bring troops from Tientsin. Yamen contends that right to have escorts at legation under the Treaties only applies in time of peace, and issues an order for special police protection of foreign legations; diplomatic corps at a meeting resists on its right to order troops. Joint note to that effect Enc'd.	2/7
	C 2065	" 20	Same subject. Reply of Yamen disputes right of foreign legations to have foreign troops and referring to order enclosed in #2064 assumes responsibility for safety of legations. Expresses the opinion that the right of ordering troops should be resisted on, altho' he has no present intention of exercising it.	2/7
	C Tel	" 18	Same subject. "Question of bringing Marines Peking came up with Russian Min. I have ordered none. China objects. Yamen asks reference to you. Exercised or not right ought to be resisted upon. See Treaties page 160.	1/
	C Tel	" 19	Peace Negotiations. "Japan agrees to appoint Minister plenipotentiary but only after China appoints. Place of meeting must be in Japan. China considering the proposals."	
	C 2066	" 20	Same subject. Delays on the part of China chiefly due to condition that negotiations be conducted in Japan for which China has no precedent, and the belief that plenipotentiaries will lose their lives; relates interview with Yamen and efforts made by him to dispel these impressions, and to have Seoul named as the place of meeting by which China's pride would be saved and Li Hung Chang might go as plen.ry	2/7
	Tel.	" 20	Same subject. "I have just sent to Japan a tel. stating that China appoints Chang former Min. to Washington and Shao, acting Gov. of Kwan plenipotentiaries to make peace. China consents to go to Japan."	12/
	C 2067-2069	" 21/22	Text of tel to Dep. Dec 20 = from Dep. of Dec 19 = from Dep. of Dec 21.	3/2
	2070	" 21	Peace Negotiations. Text of tel. sent to U.S. Legation at Tokio rel to appointment of plenipotentiaries and place of meeting	3/2
	2071	" 24	Punishment of defeated Chinese officers. Emp's order published in the Peking Gazette for the	3/2
	C 2072	" 26	War Indemnity. Inability of China to pay; sale of franchises will probably be the only means of raising the required amount; American capital, aided by the influence gained under existing circumstances by diplomatic action of the U.S., should make an effort to secure its share of such franchises.	3/2
	2073	" 26	Publication. Customs Gazette, transmitted.	3/2
	2074	" 27	War operations. Account of, such as received, show that the population has much more to fear and suffer from the defeated Chinese soldiers than from their victorious enemy.	3/
	Tel	" 27	Peace negotiations. "Japan will appoint Plenipotentiaries to meet at Hiroshima. The conditions of armistice in the event of Japan granting one to be made known to China when Plenip[ts] meet."	12/27
	C 2075	" 27	Confirms above.	3/
	C 2076	" 29	Protection of legations by armed forces of their respective countries. Refers to #2064, adverts to difficult circumstances under which the legation is placed and Emp's joint note claiming the right to order troops to Peking, reply of Yamen asserting its ability to protect legations, and reply thereto by Dip. Corps reserving the right to call troops and to hold China responsible for their safety en route	3/
	C Tel	" 29	Same subject. Reports action contemplated or already taken by other legations and represents that in view of possible contingencies he must have the right to order troops if necessary	12/29
	2077	" 29	War. Generalissimo of Chinese Armies. Decree appointing Liu-Kuin-i, an old man addicted to opium	3/
	2078	" 29	Peace negotiations. Japan's failure to name plenipotentiaries in advance, her selection of Hiroshima as a meeting place, and withholding of armistice question commented on as forecasting intention to bring about a change of dynasty in China. Emp's tel[s] from Tokio rel to the question.	3/
	2079-2080	" 29/31	Text of tel[s] to and from Dep. rel. to armed guard for the legation.	3/
	2081	" 31	Peace Negotiations. China requests to be given names of Jap. Plenip[s] and of place of meeting. Text of tel to Tokyo	3/
	C 2082	" 31	Protection of legations by armed force. Referring to #2060, 2064, 2065 and 2076 expresses regret that the Russian legation should have raised the question as troops might have been brought, as done by other legations in detachments of two or three; urges the necessity of being authorized to bring troops for the protection of Americans and their safety if compelled to flee in the event of Japanese marching on Peking	3/

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Charles Denby, Esq.	C2083	Dec 31	Bible presented to the Empress Dowager. Gifts of silk were made to the donors; the Emperor bought a copy, and the stock held by the Agent of the Bible Society was shortly afterward bought up by Chinese Rep.	3/1
	C2084	" 31	Spies. Large number of officers of the Japanese army were, long before the war, detailed to China and under various guises, acted as, in all parts of China likely to be included in military operations.	3/1.
		1895		
	C2085	Jan. 2	Missionary rights. Treaty for an extension of, in China. Refers to petition of American Missionaries in China shown him, as having been sent to the Presid! and the Senate and asks to be informed of further developments.	3/1.
	C2086	" 2	Peace negotiations. Enc's tel. from Mr. Otori at Tokyo communicating refusal to give names of Plenipotentiaries in advance, which gave offense to Yamen. Reports his endeavors to obtain the information	3/1
	C2087	" 3	Land Claim of Wm. Ashmore at Swatow. Enc's note presenting the, and requesting perfect title in his behalf	3/1
	Tel	" 3	Protection of legation by armed force. "I have always opposed bringing marines while my colleagues but one insisted on doing so. I insist now only on the right. I will order none unless others do and not then unless necessary."	1/6.
	C2088-2089	" 3	Same subject. Text of tel! of Jan 2 from and of Jan 3 to the Dep.	3/1
	C2090	" 4	Peace negotiations. Criticises the appointment, as Plenipotentiary, of Shao. Yu. Lien, the Gov. of Formosa who issued the proclamation offering rewards for Japanese heads.	3/1
	Tel	" 7	Same subject. "Chang Yin Huan left today for Japan. He goes by Shan. Hai. Kwan. Will join Shao. Yu. lien at Shanghai."	1/7
	2091-2092	" 7	Same subject. Text of tel sent to Dep = and to U.S. legation at Tokyo.	3/1
	2093	" 7	Misnumbered despatches. Asks that correction be made on despatches dated Jan 2 to Jan 4.	3/1
	C2094	" 7	Japanese Spies surrendered at Shanghai. No evidence of their having been tortured will be furnished by the Tao. tai, nor could be obtained from reliable sources. Refers to #1949 and 2084.	3/1.
	2095	" 8	#967 to 975 acknd.	3/1
	2096	" 8	Maps of Korea in #971 have been distributed.	3/1.
	2097	" 9	Peace Negotiations. Question of hoisting Chinese flag on ship bringing Plenipotentiaries. Tel from Tokyo [illegible]	3/1
	2098	" 9	Safety of Missionaries in the Interior. Advice given them (#988) to repair to Treaty Ports, is generally disregarded; probability of Japanese turning their arms toward the South removes immediate danger	3/1.
	2099	" 10	Honors paid to officers (one a former student in the U.S.) killed in battle at Yalu. Decree enclosed.	3/1.
	2100	" 10	War Loan raised at Shanghai. Enc's clipping describing plan adopted as an advance toward modern method	3/1
	2101	" 10	New Year's Calls at the legation by the Yamen and other high officials. The health of the President proposed.	3/1.
Edward H. Lowry, 2nd Secy Charles Denby, Esq. U.S.	x	" 10	Commission and letters of credit acted	3/1.
	2102	" 11	Sugar bounties. None paid in China	3/7
	C2103	" 11	Peace negotiations. Mission of Comr. Gen! of Customs in November. Mr. Detring was recalled when negotiations were opened through the legation; he really went as Li Hung Chang's appointee. Enc's copy of his credentials	3/7
	C2104	" 17	Same subject. Probable effects of Peace Treaty with Japan on the internal and international policy of China and its relations with other powers under most favored nation clause. Intimates advisability of influence of the U.S. being brought to bear in order to attain the best possible results	3/7
	2105	" 17	Proclamation of Japanese Commander in Chief in Manchuria promising protection to the people and safety to Chinese soldiers who may surrender, Enclosed.	3/7
	2106	" 18	#976 to 981 acknd	3/7
	C2107	" 18	Punishment of defeated Chinese officers. Gen. Wei Ju Kuei was beheaded Jan. 17. Sentence sent.	3/7
	Tel	" 21	War. "Reported Japanese bombarded Teng Chou Fu, 50 miles North of Chefoo and landed at Northern Shantung Promontory."	1/21
	Tel	" 21	Same subject. "Three ships bombarded Teng Chou Fu. American missionaries left on "Yorktown".	1/21.
	2108-2109	" 21	Text of the above telegrams.	3/21
	Tel	" 23	Peace Negotiations. "Plenipotentiaries leave twenty six."	1/23
	Tel	" 23	Same subject. "The Chinese Plenip.s will leave Shanghai 28th inst. by French mail Steamer for Japan."	1/23.
	2110	" 22	Same subject. Credentials of Envoys, which had been prepared by Mr. Denby were not used by Yamen	3/11.
	2111	" 23	Text of tel from legation of Jan 23.	3/11
	C2112	" 23	Peace Negotiations. Credentials of Plenipotentiaries. Enc's note communicating to Yamen information rec'd from legation at Tokyo that they were believed to be defective, and forms prepared by legation, but not used by Yamen, and Credentials actually delivered to Plenipotentiaries	3/11.
	2113	" 23	Same subject. Confirms tel of Jan 23 announcing departure of Plenipotentiaries on the 26th inst and of 28th	3/11.
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Charles Denby, Charge d'A.	2115	Jan. 27	Collisions at Sea. China declines to adopt rules for the prevention of, for the present. Notes encl	3/21
	2116	" 31	War. Account of operations in Manchuria given by the North China News encl.	3/21
	2117	" 31	Foreigners in Chinese service. Honors and rewards granted to. Edict encl	3/21
	2118	" 31	Cipher Commercial telegrams. Prohibition of, at Tientsin. A request for a rescission of the order has been made by the legation. Note encl.	3/21.
	Tel	Feb. 2	Capture "Wei Hai Wei three forts have been taken."	2/2
	2119	" 2	Confirms above.	3/21.
	2120	" 11	Persimmon seeds and scions will be sent to Agriculture Dep.	3/29
	Tel	" 11	Peace Negotiations. Japan refused to receive plenipotentiaries because letters of credence defective. I prepared for Yamen proper letters. They substituted therefor letters prepared by themselves. Envoys leave Hiroshima to-day.	3/4.
	2121	" 11	Same subject. Confirms above, and says that he apprehended this result in 2110 and 2112.	3/29
	2122	" 5	Same subject. Text of tel. from Chinese Envoys stating failure of their mission and reasons therefor	3/29
	Tel	" 5	Same subject. Text of tel. to legation at Tokyo transmitting request of China that her Envoys be allowed to remain pending preparation of new credentials.	3/29
	2123	" 5	Same subject. Confirms above.	3/29.
	2124	" 6	Same subject. Interview with Tsung li Yamen whom Mr. Denby charges with duplicity in the matter of credentials; incidents of said interview reported at length; expresses the opinion that Chinese but still relying on foreign intervention is not sincerely anxious for peace.	3/29
	Tel	" 7	Same subject. Chinese Envoy had two letters one to the Emperor of Japan and another to Count Ito, and only delivered the latter which as credentials was worthless. Tel. has been sent to the effect that new letters are in preparation and that Envoys must stay at Nagasaki.	2/9
	2125	" 7	Same subject. Confirms above.	3/29
	2126	" 7	Same subject. Text of tel. sent to U.S. legation at Tokyo on the matter of amending credentials.	3/29
	2127	" 8	Same subject. Encloses text of so-called letters of credence exhibited by Chinese Envoys.	3/29
	Tel	" 8	War. "It is believed here Wei Hai Wei fallen. Chinese fleet has been captured Japanese ships pursuing torpedo-boats with Ting on board. An Englishman wounded. Two Americans killed supposed to have been the men arrested at Nagasaki."	2/8.
	2128	" 9	Confirms above.	3/29
	2129	" 9	Neutrality of the U.S. Asst. Sec. tel of Feb. 6 and assures the Dep. that he never departed from the, and that the form of credentials was "given by Yamen" out of kindness and as any other form would have been	3/29.
	Tel	" 10	Peace Negotiations. Japan willing to reopen, with another Envoy of high rank, but declines to allow former Envoys to remain in Japan. Text of tel. recd from U.S. Legation at Tokyo	2/10.
	2130	" 10	Same subject. Confirms above	3/8.
	Tel	" 12	Same subject. "Chinese Envoys leave Nagasaki to-day. I believe new Envoys will be named. There are rumors of insurrections and mutinies in Anhui and Chihli. All the Chinese fleet was destroyed by torpedoes, except one torpedo-boat. It is said that every body aboard the fleet was lost."	2/12
	2131	" 12	Same subject. Confirms above.	3/8.
	2132	" 14	Same subject. Peace prospects endangered by war feeling and political strife in Japan and by ignorance of real condition of affairs in which the Emperor of China is kept by his advisers. Li Hung Chang likely to decline appointment as Peace Envoy.	11/8
	2133	" 16	Same subject. Letter of the Emperor of China to the President asking that the Ministers to China and Japan be instructed to continue their efforts toward restoration of peace. Gives text of the, disclaims responsibility for the same and explains that the Yamen are well aware of his true position.	11/8
	Tel	" 16	Same subject. Li Hung Chang appointed sole plenipotentiary to treat for peace. His honors have been restored to him. He will come to Peking in a few days. It is not certain that he will accept but the presumption is that he will be forced to do so.	2/16.
	2134	" 16	Same subject. Confirms above.	3/8
	Tel	" 17	Same subject. Yamen begs that the Pres't will telegraph Japan asking her to grant an armistice. I told them that our position of strict neutrality forbade such action and that their request could not be granted but they begged me so strenuously to send a tel. that I agreed to do so.	2/17
	2135	" 17	Same subject. Confirms above	3/8
	Tel	" 18	Same subject. Conditions of peace insisted on by Japan prior to reopening negotiations.	2/18
	2136	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above	3/8

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Charles Denby, E&MP.	Tel	Feb. 18	Protection of legation by armed guards acceded to by China; asks for authority to order troops to Tekin on which Jap. will march if Li does not go as Peace Envoy. Armistice, so far as Chihli is concerned at least, will be asked by England France and Russia during Li's mission. Reports suicide of Admiral Ting and escape of Americans, really Englishmen, at Wei Hai Wei.	2/18.
	C 2137	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above.	2/18.
	2138	" 18	Audience by the Emperor on the New Year. Enc's ceremonial, address delivered by Mr. Denby as dean of the diplomatic corps, and Emperor's reply	1/18.
	Tel	" 19	Peace Negotiations. Li Hung Chang named Plenipotentiary with full powers to conclude Peace treaty. China asks Japan to name place of meeting.	2/19
	C 2139	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above	11/8.
	Tel	" 19	Shanghai. Vice Consul General st. "Recommend Emens's appointment V.C.G."	2/19.
	2140	" 19	Confirms above.	4/8.
	2141	" 20	Text of Dep. tel. of Feb 18.	3/8.
	C 2142	" 20	Punishment of defeated Chinese Generals Yeh Chih Chao and Kuang Chao will be precipitated in the fall.	4/8
	Tel	" 20	Peace Negotiations. Assurances that Chinese Envoy will comply with conditions set forth in tel. of Feb. 17 requested by Japan before naming place of meeting.	2/20.
	C 2143	" 21	Same subject. Confirms above and adds that Japan also insisted that text of credentials be tel. in advance	3/.
	2144	" 21	Text of Dep. tel. of Feb. 19.	4/8.
	C 2145	" 21	War. Proclamation offering rewards for heads and belittling the Japanese issued by Commissioner Kung and	4/18.
	C 2146	" 23	Peace Negotiations. Interview with Li Hung Chang reported; intervention in favor of peace is requested of and declined by Mr. Denby; the matter of credentials is discussed and Chinese advised to comply in advance with Japan demands	4/8
	2147	" 25	Same subject. Text of Li's letters patent, and requests of China as to use of cipher tele and information concerning place of meeting encl.	4/8.
	2148	" 26	Same subject. Efforts of Li Hung Chang to secure promise of intervention from European powers against cession of territory; foreign Min. refuse to promise either to or not to interfere; interview with Li Hung Chang who is unofficially advised by Mr. Denby to give up reliance on foreign powers and turn to Japan	4/18
Charles Denby Jr. Secy Charles Denby. E.E.&M.P.	—	J. " 26	Leave. Arrival at his home reported. Asks that 60 days be counted from Feb. 27.	3/1
	2149	" 28	Naval Attaché. Francis M. Barber. Act's Ins. 995.	4/8.
	Tel	Mar 2	Peace Negotiations. "Japan agrees to receive Li. Changes are to be made in letters patent. Place of meeting Shimonoseki. Time not fixed. Plenipotentiary may use cipher."	3/2
	2151	" 2	Same subject. Confirms above.	4/8
	2151	" 3	Same subject. Text of full powers of Li Hung Chang as telegraphed to legation at Tokyo.	4/8
	2152	" 3	Same subject. Amendments to full powers desired by Japan according to tel. from legation at Tokyo.	4/8.
	2153	" 5	Same subject. Interview with Li Hung Chang in which ways and means of securing peace are discussed; prominence of Americans in peace negotiations; reforms will probably follow conclusion of peace and concessions, in which US citizens should participate will have to be sold to raise amount of indemnity. Emperor and Empress prepared for such action by Li Hung Chang.	4/8.
Charles Denby Jr. Secy	—	" 4	Translation of documents in Dep. letter of Feb 28. They are written in characters unknown to him.	3/6.
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	Tel.	" 6	Peace negotiations. "Letters are satisfactory to Japan. Chinese Ambassador to reach Shimonoseki in two weeks. Li left Tokio yesterday. He is empowered to cede territory. He has carte blanche."	3/6.
	C 2154	" 6	Same subject. Confirms above	4/18.
	2155	" 6	Same subject. Text of tel. rec'd from legation at Tokyo as condensed in tel. of Mar 6.	4/18.
	C 2156	" 7	Peace negotiations. Failure of the first Chinese Mission. Protest of Chang and Shao to the Japanese Plenipotentiaries encl. Presents explanations as regards statements therein concerning assurances given to Mr. Denby as to credentials and by him in respect to use of cipher by Envoys	4/18.
	2157	" 8	Persimmon seeds and scions for Agriculture Dep. have been forwarded in the Shanghai pouch.	4/18.
Charles Denby Jr. Secy	—	" 9	Leave. Asks that it be counted from March 16 he having been practically on duty at Washington after his arrival from China.	3/
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	Tel	" 10	War. "Chinese army routed. Newchwang taken sixth. Foreigners safe."	3/10.
	2158	" 10	Confirms above.	4/18.
	C 2159	" 11	Flag of Li Hung Chang as Peace Envoy. Diagram and description encl.	4/18.
	2160	" 13	War. Surrender of forts at Weihaiwei and suicide of Chinese Admiral Ting. Full account as published in the Shanghai "Mercury" encl.	4/18.
	2161	" 13	Same subject. Correspondence between Admirals Ito and Ting encl. Comments on the character of the same	4/8.

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Charles Denby, Chargé	C2162	Mar 13	Peace Negotiations. Failure of first Chinese mission. Official doc's rel. to rupture of negotiations as published in Japan enc'd.	4/18.
	2163	" 13	War. Capture of Wei Hai Wei by the Japanese. Account of, published in the North China News	4/18
	Tel	" 16	Peace negotiations. 'Li Hung Chang left Tatsu for Shimonoseki this morning. Foster, Pethick accompanied him. He will reach Shimonoseki 18th. Sails under German flag; two steamers. Takes 133 people. Wants to live on Steamers at Shimonoseki.'	3/25.
	2164	" 15	Confirms above.	4/18.
	2165	" 16	Publication "Light houses and buoys" enc'd.	4/18.
	2166	" 18	Peace negotiations are closely watched by European powers; peace will probably open era of reforms in China similar to those being carried out in Korea. Refers to Desp. 2104.	5/13
	C2167	" 18	Punishment of unsuccessful Chinese Generals. Wu Ta-ch'eng, in spite of past honors, has been ordered before the Board of Punishments.	5/13
	C2168	" 20	Kerosene. Extra likin tax on, at Kiukiang. Repeal has been demanded by legation. Note enc'd.	5/13
	2169	" 20	Peace negotiations. Support of European Govts has been requested by the Emperor of China in an autograph telegram copy of which is enc'd. Yamen says that it was not sent to Tel because a copy had been given in advance	5/13
	C2170	" 21	Feasts of Chung Ming Kung. U.S. Envoy has been informed that his claims on account of connection of late Chinese Min. at Washington with the, cannot be presented without Dep's authority. Refers to 1003	5/13.
	2171	" 21	Russia's intervention. Possibility of, as discussed in the North China Daily News. Article enc'd.	5/13.
	C2172	" 20	Missionary work in China. Beneficial effects of, described.	5/13.
Edward K. Lowry, 2nd Secy Charles Denby, Chargé		" 20	Commission in Lds of Jan. 17 acted.	5/13
	C2173	" 23	Jurisdiction of Consuls entrusted with the protection of subjects of another Country. Suggests the advisability of its being made, by agreement of the Treaty Powers with China, as complete as that exercised over the subjects or citizens of their own country.	5/13
	C2174	" 23	Insurrection in Manchuria came near causing the evacuation of the Province by Chinese troops and was only overcome through discord among rebel Chiefs.	5/13.
	2175	" 23	Peace Negotiations. Probable terms of Japan. Enc's article of the North China Daily News discussing the	5/13.
	C2176	" 23	Armistice offered by Japan on certain stated conditions. Yamen called at various legations for an expression of opinion; Mr. Denby unofficially advises them to accept if peace is sincerely desired.	5/13.
	2177	" 25	Coinage. Report has been sent to Director of the Mint.	5/13.
	Tel	" 25	Armistice. 'Pescadores bombarded. Before granting armistice Japan wants possession Taku, Tientsin, Shanhaikuan railroad. China considers.'	3/25.
	C178	" 25	Confirms above.	5/13
	2179	" 26	Russia's intervention will, it is believed, take tangible form in the event of Japan demanding territory close to Russian frontier. England is apparently in perfect accord with Russia.	5/13
	C2180	" 26	Closing of ports of Taku and Tientsin threatened by China. Enc's note giving notice of the intention of China on account of appearance of Japanese vessels, and also warning foreign war & merchant vessels from anchoring near Japanese ships off Formosa. Reply deprecating closing of ports enc'd	5/13
	C2181	" 27	Safety at Peking greatly imperiled by presence of large number of soldiers, threatened closing of ports, attempt on Li Hung Chang's life in Japan and refusal of armistice by China.	5/13.
	C2182	" 28	Exclusion of American Protestant missionaries from Russia. Adverting to the refusal of passports to Rev. Paul Bergen (April 1891) informs the Dep. that Russian Min. refused asylum in Siberia to missionaries at Kulgan, North China.	5/13
	C2183	" 28	Closing of port of Tien Tsin. Protest of the Dip. Corps against the, by means of sinking junks laden with stone, on the ground that it would permanently obstruct it, and is not required by defence, enc'd	5/13
	Tel	" 30	Access to Peking open now. If Japanese attack Taku China threatens to close the port of Tientsin by sinking junks laden with stone. Foreign Ministers protested. All depends on armistice. Am waiting for march on Peking to order marines to Peking. Li badly hurt but conducts negotiations still.	3/30.
	C2184	" 30	Text of the above and of Dep. tel of Mar 28.	5/13
	2185	April 1	War. Responsibility for the, laid upon Japan in an enc'd article of the North China Daily News	5/13
	C2186	" 2	Peace Negotiations. Appointment of Li Ching Fong, son of Li Hung Chang, as associate plenipotentiary requested by Japan, in order to facilitate negotiations pending Li's recovery. Text of tel recd from Tokyo	5/13.
	C2187	" 4	Same subject. Terms of peace, as communicated to him by Yamen given. It is understood that Li Hung Chang has not accepted them and that China hopes for the interference of England, Russia, France	5/18
	2188	" 5	1010 to 1020 acted	5/18

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Charles Denby, E E & M P.	2189	April 6	Occupation of the Japanese at Newchwang after capturing it creates the impression that they contemplate permanent occupancy	5/18
	2190	" 8	Publication Customs Gazette Oct-Dec, 1894 transmitted	5/6.
	C2191	" 8	Peace Negotiations. Appointment of Li Ching Fong, Li Hung Chang's son as additional plenipotentiary	5/8.
	2192	" 8	Commercial Statistics for 1894. Report on, and comments on returns.	
	—		Reforms. Plan of desirable which would be suggested by Mr. Denby	5/18.
	2193	" 9	Council of State. Present composition, duties and methods of business of the.	5/18.
	2194	" 11	Telegrams of Navy officers. Note has been sent to Chinese Govt to the effect that they are privileged. Reply to tel. of April 9.	5/8.
	2195	" 12	Treaty of 1894 between U.S. and China. Asks that Consuls be supplied with copies of the	5/8.
Charles Denby Jr, Secy Charles Denby, E E & M P.	—	" 13	Leave Extension of 17 days requested.	4/7
	2196	" 15	Text of Dep. tel. of April 12 and 13.	6/3.
	2197	" 15	Telegrams of Naval officers. Interference with, forbidden by order of Tsung-li-Yamen.	6/3.
	2198	" 18	1021 to 1028 and circulars to Marsh and Birthemy	6/3.
	C2199	" 19	Land. Purchase of, by Missionaries. French Convention secures right of purchase without notice or authorization, placing the title in the religious corporations. Discusses this and other methods of purchase; sentiment of American Missionaries will be inquired into	6/3
	2200	" 22	War. Occupation of Newchwang by the Japanese. Enc's communications rel. to appointment of a Commissioner and conduct of trade during the.	6/3.
	2201	" 23	Same subject. Atrocities at Tien-chwang-tai. Account of, as printed in the North China News enc'd.	6/3.
	Tel.	" 25	Peace Treaty. Terms of the, given. Japan has already ratified.	4/25
	C2202	" 25	Same subject. Confirms above	6/3
	C2203	" 25	Same subject. Synopsis of the several articles of the treaty enc'd.	6/3
	2204	" 25	Land. Purchase of, by Missionaries. Petition to President and Senate asking for modification of present conditions and prohibition of anti-christian books enc'd. Discusses same and refers to #2199.	6/3.
	2205	" 27	Interference by European Powers. Russia France and Germany have protested against acquisition of territory on the continent by Japan; Gt Britain refused to join in the protest.	6/3.
	C2206	" 29	Treaty of Peace. Full text enc'd. Comments thereon and points to the astute and selfish methods of Japan during the negotiations.	6/17
	Tel.	May 1	Same subject. "On account of remonstrance of Russia, France, Germany China asks Japan to postpone exchange of the ratifications of the treaty set for 8th instant at Chefoo for ten days. This action makes continuation of war probable."	5/1.
	2207	" 2	Same subject. Confirms above.	6/17
	C2208	" 2	Same subject. Text of telegrams sent to legation at Tokyo on the subject of ratifications.	6/17
	2209	" 4	Same subject. Postponement of ratification refused by Japan. Text of tel. rec'd from Tokyo	6/17
	Tel	" 5	Same subject. "The ratifications of the treaty will be exchanged."	5/19
	C2210	" 6	Kerosene. Right of bonding, packed in cases, in private warehouses, as granted to petroleum in bulk, Encloses note to Yamen asking for that right.	6/17
	C2211	" 6	Peace. Counter draft of treaty of, presented by China. Enc's articles providing for independence of Korea as to Japan as well as to China, and for arbitration as to differences of interpretation of the Treaty enc'd. The President of the U.S. was to name arbitrator in case of disagreement on that point. Both articles rejected.	6/17
	2212	" 6	Same subject. Confirms tel of May 5.	6/17
	2213	" 6	Same subject. Upon vague promise of modification of treaty after ratification, Li Hung Chang was sent to Chefoo to exchange ratifications. Russia sending naval forces to that port.	6/17
	2214	" 7	Same subject. Interference of Russia France and Germany and reasons for Great Britain's standing aloof, discussed.	6/17
	Tel	" 7	Same subject. "Postponement of exchange of ratifications. "Japan refused to postpone exchange of ratifications of the treaty. China telegraphs Japan asking again exch. of the ratifs of the treaty be postponed and armistice be continued giving the reason that Russia, France, Germany desire such postponement."	5/7
	2215	" 8	Same subject. Full text of the request above referred to, enc'd.	6/17
	2216	" 7	Same subject. Text of tel. to the Dep. of May 7.	6/17
	Tel	" 8	Same subject. Exchange of ratifications has been ordered by China upon assurances by the three powers that Japan will thereupon relinquish cession of Manchuria. Indemnity will probably be increased	5/8.

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Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	2217	May 8	Peace Treaty. Text of tel. of this date to Dep.	6/17
"	2218	" 8	Same subject. Exchange of ratifications. Text of tel. to Tokyo rel. to.	6/17
"	Tel	" 9	Same subject. "The ratifications of the treaty were exchanged. Japan agrees not to occupy permanently Liaotung."	5/9.
	2219	" 9	Same subject. Text of the above and of tel. from Tokyo rel. to retrocession of Liaotung. Determined attitude of Russia brought about this result. Interference, as in the case of the Tureo-Russian war, was delayed until terms of peace had been settled.	6/17
	2220	" 10	1031 to 1041 acknd.	6/17
	2221	" 10	Testimonials to Juan Chin Kao referred to in No. 1010 have not yet come to hand.	6/17
	2222	" 10	Rescue of German Steamer "Tai Cheong" by U.S.S. Machias. Thanks of German Min. have been conveyed to Rear Admiral Carpenter. Gallant services of the Navy in the East commended. Rep to 1037	6/17
	"	" 10	Indiscretion in writing to the N.Y. "World" date of departure for Japan of Li Hung Chang. It was done as imparting a piece of public news and one day after the Dep. had been cabled to on the same subject.	
			Concessions sought by U.S. citizens in China. Referring to Dep's Instructions of Dec. 15, 1887 adverts to the difficulties and complaints that would grow out of advancing the interests of any one of the numerous applicants. Hints at probable efforts of France and Germany to secure recognition in that line from China. Probable retirement of Li Hung Chang consequent upon the conclusion of treaty and its effects on reform.	6/17
	2223	" 11	Exposition at Atlanta. Facilities for Commissioners and exemption from export duties of exhibits have been requested. Note enc'd.	6/17
	2224	" 13	Peace Treaty. Signing of the, by Li Hung Chang, and interference of European Powers believed, on good authority, to have been engineered by Mr Von Brandt, formerly German Min. to China	6/17
	Tel	" 12	Loan proposal by U.S. citizens. "American syndicate represented by American Trading Co. Shanghai desires me to present to Government of China proposal to loan 200,000,000 taels. Shall I present it."	5/16
	2225	" 12	Same subject. Text of the above.	6/17
	2226	" 13	Good offices of the legation during the war. Thanks of China have been presented to legation by a delegation of the Tsung-li Yamen.	6/17
	2227	" 14	War Indemnity. Equivalent of, provided by treaty is 288,800,000 Mexican silver dollars.	6/17
	2228	" 14	Cession of Formosa. Japan requests China to appoint Commissioners to effect the. Text of tel enc'd	6/17
	2229	" 14	Protection of legations by armed Guards. No further danger is apprehended. European legations still have their guards. Missionaries remained at their posts throughout the war.	6/17
	2230	" 14	Coinage. Additional report for Director of the Mint enc'd.	6/17
	2231	" 15	Land claim of Wm Ashmore at Swatow. Favorable settlement is expected by the Consul. Refers to 2087	6/17
	2232	" 16	Subsidy for the Zikawei Observatory. Enc's printed request of the Director for assistance by the U.S. towards the purchase of a telescope.	6/17
	2233	" 16	Text of telegram from the Dep. of May 14.	6/17
	Tel	" 16	Concessions sought by Americans. "Attention called to No 272 December 15, 1887 to me. Applicants should satisfy Department. They will address you."	5/16
	2234	" 17	Same subject. Confirms above; suggests that it would be easier for the Dep. to procure information as to standing of applicants who might then without impropriety be recommended successively; deprecates the responsibility thrown upon him by Dep. tel. of May 14 and points out the uselessness of such course as therein recommended. Adverts to advisability of looking after American interests in that field	6/17
Charles Denby Jr. Sec'y	"	" 16	Departure for post from his home at Evansville this day, reported.	No.
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	2235	" 17	Exposition at Atlanta. Export duties on exhibits for the, will be remitted and courtesies extended to Commissioners. Note from Yamen enc'd. Refers to " 2223.	7/1.
	2236	" 18	1042 to 1044 acknd	7/1.
	2237	" 20	Formosa. Riots and Anarchy in. Enc's newspaper reports of. U.S.S. Concord has been ordered thither	7/1.
	2238	" 20	Same subject. Li Ching-fong appointed Chinese Commissioner for the cession of the island. Tel to Tokyo enc'd	7/1.
	Tel	" 21	Same subject. "China ordered all officials civil and military to leave Formosa."	5/21
	2238½	" 21	Confirms above tel.	7/1
	2239	" 21	Peace negotiations. Documentary history of the, as printed in the Peking and Tientsin Times enc'd.	7/1.
	2240	" 21	Kerosene. Right of bonding oil packed in cases in private warehouses has been granted. Note enc'd Refers to 2210.	7/1
	2241	" 24	Minister of Japan to China. Hayashi Tadasu has been appointed, and will sail within ten days.	7/1.
	Tel	" 25	Formosa declares independence. Notifies Foreign Powers. Government republican."	5/25
	2242	" 25	Confirms above.	7/1.

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Charles Denby Esq. Ch. d'Aff.	C2243	May 27	Indemnity to Presbyterian Mission on a/c of riot at Yunki Kong. $630 ordered paid by Yamen.	7/11
	Tel.	" 27	Minister of Japan to China. "China requests Japan to delay sending Min. to China until transfer of ceded territory and commercial treaty concluded."	5/27
	2244	" 27	Same subject. Confirms above and encloses note from Yamen asking that request be transd to Japan	7/11
	2245	" 28	Peace. Difficulties besetting China after restoration of; enc's article of the North China Daily News on the	7/11
	C2246	" 30	Missionary right to purchase land and build thereon. Representations have been made to Yamen against action of authorities at Kingkiang in persecuting Chinese who take any part in selling or building. Enc's note to Yamen and reply that orders have been telegraphed.	7/11
	2247	" 30	Death of Secy Gresham. Telegraphic instructions of May 28 acknd.	7/11
	2248	" 30	Same subject. Tribute to Secy Greshams memory.	7/11
	C2249	" 30	Loan proposal by U.S. citizens. Agent of American syndicate has been presented to the Yamen and the proposition submitted by the legation; enc's letter of introduction and copy of proposal.	7/11
	2250	June 1	1045 to 1054 acknd.	7/11
	Tel.	" 1	Minister of Japan to China. "Japan insists on sending Ministers to China."	6/1
	2251	" 1	Same subject. Confirms above.	7/11
	2252	" 3	Same subject. Text of tel. recd from Tokyo in behalf of Japanese Govt.	7/11
	C2253	" 3	Peace Treaty. Text of decree ratifying the, of Shimonoseki, enc'd.	7/11
	2254	" 3	Formosa. Trade statistics and historical points published in the North China News, enc'd.	7/11
	C2255	" 4	Interference by European Powers. Emperor of China will give special audience to Russian and French Ministers; Russia France and Germany are understood to negotiate with Japan as to war indemnity	7/11
	C2256	" 4	Anti Christian riots at Chung. Tu. Missionary buildings have been destroyed but no life lost. No american Mission there. Facts as to the town of Chung tu given. Strong measures taken by Chinese Govt	7/11
	C2257	" 6	Missionary right to purchase land without previous authorization by local authorities granted to France by recent agreement on interpretation of treaty of 1865 with France. American Missionaries are in favor of availing themselves of the right under the most favored nation clause. Instructs req'd	7/11.
	C2258	" 7	Missionary right to purchase land. Mission at Chungkiank has been given the requisite title thus ending the difficulty reported in 2246.	7/18.
	2259	" 7	1055 to 1058 acknd.	7/18.
	2260	" 10	Peace. Plenipotentiaries appointed to meet Japanese Minister on his arrival	
	C	"	Formosa formally turned over to the Japanese by L. Ching Fong and Mr. Foster, who did not land. The town of Keelung was taken by force thereafter, after severe fighting.	7/18.
	2261	" 11	Port of Ningpo now open to vessels on representations of the legation. Yamen's reply enc'd.	7/18.
	C2262	" 13	Formosa. Republic of; Enc's proclamation raising to the Presidency Gov. Tang who has already left the island with his cabinet. The people took no interest in the movement, and the capital will soon fall into the hands of the Japanese.	7/18.
	C2263	" 13	Riots at Chen. tu. Vice Roy of Szechuan is believed to have instigated the particulars of the missions established there, among which contrary to report #2256 was the Methodist Episcopal Mission of the U.S.	7/18.
	C2264	" 13	War Indemnity. Names of members of the Board appointed to arrange loans for the payment of.	7/18.
	2265	" 13	Japan and China. Reestablishment of diplomatic relations between, announced	7/31
	2266	" 13	Woosung, Harr. Removal of an obstruction at the entrance of, asked by the Diplomatic body in Pekin. Their comm'd rec'd	7/31
	2267	" 14	1059, 1060 & 1061 acknd	7/31
	Tel.	" 15	Riots in Szechuan. "Riots still occurring in Szechuan. Mission at Chengtu not much damaged. Have asked Imperial Edict awarding death penalty to rioters. Central Govt seems to have lost control over people. No Am's hurt"	
	C2268	" 15	Same subject. Confirms above tel. Great fears are entertained for the safety of the foreigners at Chungking.	7/31
	C2269	" 20	Riots against foreigners in China. Discusses the causes & remedies & makes certain suggestions in regard to	7/31
	C2270	" 21	Riot at Chengtu. Enc's newspaper clipping rel. to,	7/31
	2271	" 22	Military officers of China during recent war. Five returned American students commended in every case when mentioned in an Imperial decree. Enc's newspaper clipping concerning one of them, Huang Tsao Lien	8/7
	C2272	" 24	Loan from Russia of 100,000,000 taels by China announced. Further loans will be made but positively for present.	8/7
	C2273	" 24	Riots against foreigners. Enc's Yamen's answer to his demand for punishment of rioters. No Imperial decree heard from yet.	8/7
	Tel	" 24	Cession of territory near Burmah to France by China. "England complains China has ceded to France territory along Burmah contrary to convention of last year. Situation critical".	
	C2274	" 24	Same subject. Confirms above tel. France aided by Russia in negotiation. Serious dispute bet. British Min. & the Yamen. China unfriendly to England at present. Russia will next demand a slice of Manchuria	8/7

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Charles Denby. E.E.+M.P.	c2275	June 25	Concessions sought by Americans. Assistance of legation to same, Ack'd Dept's tel. of June 22 rel. to,	8/7
	2276	" 27	#1062–1072 rec'd	8/7
	2277	" 28	Peace Negotiations betw. China + Japan, March–April, 1895. Documentary History of, in pamphlet form, transmitted	8/7
Charles Denby, jr. Secy.	Tel	" 28	Good offices extended to Japanese during the war. Emperor of Japan thanked him on his visit to Tokio for the,	8/7
Charles Denby E.E.+M.P.	c2278	July 1	Riots in Szechuan. Settlement of matters growing out of. Enc's note to Yamen rel. to a proposal for, Yamen not yet answered	8/7
	c2279	" 5	Same subject. Refers to his #2273. Enc's answer of Yamen to his note in which Yamen states that it has done all that is possible to prevent riots but is silent on question of punishing rioters.	8/7
	2280	" 5	Publications of the Imperial Maritime Customs transmitted.	8/7
	c2281	" 8	Attack on missionary, Dr D.Z. Sheffield, at Jungchow, by two Chinamen. Reports facts and action taken by him.	8/23
	c2282	" 8	Loan negotiated by China in Europe for 100,000,000 Taels at 4% p.a. definitely concluded. To be taken by French banks + the latter guaranteed by Russia that it be paid after 5 years. China agrees not make no other loan for six months.	8/23
	c2283	" 8	Riots in Chentu. Enc's reply of Yamen to his proposal. It agrees to appoint a Commission to investigate, Refers to his #2278	8/23
	c2284	" 8	Riots in Chentu. Enc's report of Protestant Missionaries to British Consul at Chungking describing same + comments by Consul	8/23
	2285	" 10	Condition of China. Enc's decree of the Emperor of July 5 rel. to appointments to office which reads encouragingly. It is hoped Chinese govt intends to embark on a career of progress.	8/23
	c2286	" 10	Riots at Szechuan. Reports having asked that the ex-Viceroy of Szechuan be ordered to Peking to await the result of the investigation. That he may be punished if guilty.	8/23
	2287	" 10	Buoys and Beacons in the Yangtze removed during recent war. As dean of dip. body has req'd Chinese govt to replace them.	8/23
	c2288	" 12	Riots at Szechuan. Designation of Rev. Spencer Lewis of Chungking as Am. member of Comm to examine into, announced.	8/23
	2289	" 19	Secretary of legation. Return of Chas Denby Jr, to his post, on July 17 reported.	8/31.
	2290	" 20	#1080 to 1086 acknd; #1081 not received.	8/31.
	c2291	" 23	Riots in Szechuan. Statement of time and places where they occurred and of religious establishments that suffered.	9/6
	c2292	" 24	Land claims of Ashmore in Swatow finally settled by issuance of title deed.	9/6.
	c2293	" 26	Riots in Szechuan. Investigation of. In view of resolution of Americans at Shanghai, appointment of Lewis referred to in #2288 has been countermanded; suggests advisability of international Comm and of US taking the initiative in the matter; claims for damages will be presented without reference to Dept.	9/6.
	2294	" 27	#1087 and Circ. acknd.	9/6.
	c2295	Aug 3	Riots and Szechuan. Responsibility of high Chinese officials for the. Enc's note to Yamen pointing out, and demanding punishment of all offenders and adequate measures for the protection of foreigners.	9/23
	Tel	" 3	Riot at Kutien. "I have rec'd your cipher tel. of 3d. Ten English killed, three wounded in riots at Kutien. No American injured. Have demanded protection Americans."	9/5.
	c2296	" 3	American Concession at Tientsin. Protest against removal transfer of the, to Germany Encls. Memorandum covering history of the acceptance and relinquishment of the concession Encl. Remarks upon the advantages that would accrue to Am interests from such a concession. Dis[patch] awaited.	9/6
	c2297	" 5	Riot at Kutien. Confirms tel. of this day and adds such meagre particulars as have reached him	9/23.
	c2298	" 5	Occupation of Manchuria by the Japanese. Enc's report of Vice Con at Newchwang on the appointment of Japanese officials; it is reported that China will not pay for the retrocession of occupied territory	9/23.
	2299	" 5	Minister of China to Japan. Appointment of Mr Yü as, reported. Information about himself & family.	9/23.
	c300	" 7	#1088 to 1096 acknd	9/23.
	Tel	" 8	Riot at Yungfuh. "Have rec'd tel. 7th. Yungfuh case was reported yesterday to Chinese Govt. They promise protection and redress."	
	c2301	" 8	Confirms above.	9/23.
	c2302	" 8	Effects of the war on the political and internal condition of China. Describes the, particularly as regards the hold taken by France and Russia upon China, the humiliation of Britain and Japan, and the loss of control of their own people by the Chinese Govt. Advises that the Japanese occupation of Manchuria be not given recognition by the US as yet	9/28.
	c2303	" 9	Riot at Kutien. Arrest and punishment of murderers and protection of foreigners have been promised by the Yamen and orders sent to that effect. Note Encl.	9/23.
	c2304	" 10	Riot at Yungfu. Referring to the above reports his interview with Yamen as to the; they admit difficulty of maintaining order in remote provinces but promise protection and redress.	9/26.
	Del.	" 11	Same subject. "Have rec'd your tel. seventh. Yungfu case was reported yesterday to Chinese Govt. They promise protection redress."	9/11

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Charles Denby Ch. d'A.	c2305	Aug 12	Riots. Decree has been issued warning the people against engaging in; it will be telegraphed to all the provinces; text encl; Chow Taotai of Chengtu accused of inciting riot there has been degraded; his banishment will be demanded.	9/26.
	Tel	" 13	Riot in Szechuan. "Will you appoint a Commission of Americans exclusively to investigate Szechuan riots as asked by Americans in China or create International Commission."	8/13.
	c2306	" 14	Same subject. Confirms above.	9/26
	Tel	" 14	Same subject. "I refused to have anything to do with the Szechuan Commission three weeks ago."	8/14
	2307	" 14	Same subject. Confirms above.	9/26.
	c2308	" 14	Same subject. Reply of Yamen to note in desp. 2295 presents a weak defence of the officials accused of inciting the riots and grants no satisfaction on any of the points presented. Note encl.	9/26.
	c2309	" 14	Riots at Kutien. Yamen has no objection to U.S. Consul at Foochow investigating the, and while apprehensive of danger to him, will furnish escort. Consul has been wired to that effect. Note encl.	9/26.
	—	" 14	Peace Negotiations. History of to, transmitted.	9/26.
	c2310	" 15	Riots in Szechuan. Revokes his action regarding his withdrawing from the proposed British investigation and ack'g desp. tel. of Aug 13 says he will wait for instructions as to whether the investigating Commission should be exclusively American or International.	9/26.
	2311	" 15	Riots at Kutien. Text of desp. tel. of Aug. 12.	9/26.
	c2312	" 17	Same subject. Brit. and U.S. Consuls have been telegraphed that it was important that "persons arrested and executed are the real culprits."	9/26.
	c2313	" 19	Riots in Szechuan. Report that American interests had been entrusted to Brit. Consul by legation, denied. Explains how the error arose from a statement by Brit Con. Genl at Shanghai.	9/26.
	2314	" 19	Yamen. Changes in the, reported. Kuei Yung-yi has been ordered to resign, and Weng Tung-ho and Li Hung-tsao have been appointed members; they are known as being opposed to foreigners.	9/26.
	c2315	" 19	Riots at Kutien. Synopsis of Consul Nixon's report given; Consul has gone to Kutien to investigate	9/26.
	2316	" 21	Aplur for Consuls in China. Advises change of present, to another more satisfactory.	10/8
	c2317	" 21	Riot at Kutien. Consuls have left with proper escort; leaders and 21 men have been arrested and will be punished. Enc's note from the Yamen to that effect.	10/8.
	2318	" 22	"1102 to 1107, except 1106, rec'd.	10/8.
	2319	" 22	Riot at Kutien. Account of the massacre as published by the China Daily News enc'd.	10/8.
	Tel	" 22	"Testimonial arrived, forwarded Amoy for delivery."	8/24.
	2320	" 24	Same subject. Watch was forwarded to Shanghai and thence to Amoy July 11; Com. Yuan's receipt not yet returned	10/8.
	—	" 24	Publication. Medical Reports (of the Customs) transmitted.	10/8.
	—	" 24	Type writing machines (two) requested for legation.	10/8.
	c2321	" 24	Riot at Kutien. Chinese investigators of the. Enc's note to Yamen inquiring as to names and rank of, as directed by desp. tel.	10/8
	c2322	" 24	Same subject. Consul at Foochow has been informed by tel. of demands made rel. to his share in investigation.	10/8.
	2323	" 26	Rent of legation. Draft for has been drawn as directed in "1107.	10/8.
	Tel	" 26	Riot at Kutien. "In reply to my demand Hsu Hsing I, taotai equal rank Consul, has been sent to cooperate with Consuls Kutien."	8/24
	c2324	" 26	Same subject. Confirms above.	10/8.
	c2325	" 27	Same subject. Protest of Yamen against appointment of a U.S. Naval Commander on the investigation Commission, and representations against interest displayed by the U.S. in a matter where their interests are small, enc'd; also reply. Doubts the advisability of sending Naval Officer and has so informed Admiral in command by tel.	10/8.
	Tel	" 27	Same subject. "Consul had started Kutien, under my orders, with the consent of Chinese Govt and with escort furnished by them, before your cipher tel. 12th was rec'd, taking Naval officer with him. Consul reports the examination proceeding smoothly, officials actively cooperating. Many convictions secured."	8/27.
	c2326	" 27	Confirms above and desp. tel to which it is a reply.	10/8.
	Tel	" 27	Riot. "Szechuan Commission to proceed as soon as Brit. Con. at Chungking can leave his post, which is still impossible. Vice Roy Lin is not to be appointed Commissioner but has been ordered by Imperial decree to stay at his post until conduct investigated."	8/27.
	c2327	" 27	Confirms above.	10/8
	c2328	" 29	Vice Roy of Chihli. Appoint. of Wang Wen Shao as, does not imply degradation of Li Hung Chang who remains Grand Secretary of State. Decree of appointment enc'd	10/8.

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Charles Denby, E&MP.	Tel.	Aug. 28	Riots in Szechuan. "The Chinese Govt has refused to degrade and punish the ex-Vice Roy of Szechuan. Pressure should be used to secure his punishment."	8/28
	C 2329	" 29	Same subject. Presents reasons why punishment should be insisted upon, refers to similar refusal made to Brit Min as to Vice Roy Lin, aggravated by a slighting attitude of the Emp's tutor.	10/8.
	C Tel	" 31	Same subject. Vice Roy Lin was superseded two months ago and upon evidence gathered by French Commission his punishment, as set forth, has been demanded by the legation: on account of English Consul being unable to leave, investigating commission cannot be organized; asks whether another Commission is desired, that his action as to punishment of officials be supported and reports good progress in the Kutien investigation.	9/31.
	C 2330	" 31	Missionaries' right to reside in the Interior. Question raised by Yamen about legation dispatch 221 of Oct 1886. Reply denies the propriety of discussing communication to his Govt and of raising any question upon a point settled long ago and recognized in the recent French Convention. Notes encl.	10/21.
	2331	Sept 2	Assault on Missionary Sheffield. Stringent action against assailants has been demanded. Note encl Refs 2281	10/21
	2332	" 2	Riots in Szechuan. Text of tels from and to Dep.	10/21.
	C 2333	" 3	Same subject. Truth of Vice Roy Lin fully established by French investigation. Insists upon necessity of punishment being inflicted on him and other officials and published. Necessity of American investigation open to question by reason of small loss suffered by Americans and English, also difficulties in reaching the seat of the trouble. Brit Min. seems to have abandoned the idea of investigating.	10/21
	2334	" 3	Riot at Kutien. Investigating Consuls suggest that decisions of Commission approved by them be taken from the revising power of the Vice Roy and a request to that effect has been made by Legn. Note encl	10/21
	C 2335	" 5	Riot in Szechuan. Punishment of Vice Roy Lin. Note demanding the, encl.	10/21
	C 2336	" 5	Missionaries' right to purchase land, under the recent French Convention, has been made known to them in accordance with Ins. 1109.	10/21.
	2337	" 5	Anti-foreign feeling. Suggests measures to be taken by Western powers, among others the punishment of officials in Szechuan, to avert danger of riots.	10/21
	2338	" 6	C 1106 to 1113 acknd.	10/21
	2339-2340	" 6	Text of dep. tels of Sept 4 and 5.	10/21.
	C 2341	" 7	Riots in Szechuan. List of American missionaries in the province during the, as furnished by Consul at Hankow, encl	10/21
	Tel	" 7	Same subject. "China refuses to cooperate with American Commission to Chentu or to assist it in any way."	9/7
	Tel	" 8	Same subject. Suggests that Commission proceed without cooperation of China; no active opposition anticipated. Recommends appointment, with salary, of Missionary Gilbert Reid on Commission.	9/9.
	C 2342	" 9	Same subject. Confirms above.	10/21
	C 2343	" 9	Same subject. Objections of Yamen to American investigation. Reports interview at which Yamen was informed of the proposed investigation and asked to cooperate. The latter proposition they would neither accept nor decline; tel. to Dep. of Sept 7 was shown them before sending but elicited no formal answer. Enc's note to Yamen on the same subject.	10/21
	C 2344	" 11	Assault on Missionary Sheffields. Reply of Yamen to note in 2331 encl. Assailants are in jail and their crime will be thoroughly investigated. Results of preliminary investigation given.	10/21
	Tel	" 12	Riots in Szechuan. "Yamen asks that Szechuan business be arranged by joint consultation with British at Chungking."	9/12
	C 2345	" 12	Same subject. Confirms above.	10/21
	C 2346	" 12	Same subject. Proposal of China that investigation be conducted jointly with Great Britain as originally intended. Enc's note from the Yamen and offers explanations as to remarks therein on change of attitude of the legation.	10/21
	C 2347	" 12	Riot at Kutien. Decisions of investigating Commission must be submitted to the Vice Roy before becoming final; Yamen answers representations as to Hsü, Taotai, not having joined the Commission, that such should be the rule whether investigation were conducted by a Taotai or by deputies. Notes encl	10/21
	2348	" 13	Riot in Szechuan. Text of dep tel. of Sept 11.	11/8
	Tel	" 14	Same subject. "Have no interpreter but Chestnice. Will send him Chentu if directed."	9/14
	2349	" 14	Confirms above.	11/8
	C 2350	" 16	Riot at Kutien. Execution of rioters is delayed, Chinese taotai requesting assurance that subsequent demands will not be made. Enc's tel. from Consul Hixson and note to Yamen demanding prompt justice, and other measures, while denying requested assurance.	11/8
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Charles Denby. E.E.&M.P.	2351	Sept. 16	Riots in Szechuan. Yamen insists on original plan of investigating jointly with Brit. legation be carried out, this is refused and a prompt answer as to cooperation of China with American Commission demanded. Notes enc'd.	11/8.
	Tel	" 18	Riot at Kutien. "Seven criminals executed at Kutien. Some judgments reversed by Vice Roy. New trials required. Consuls complain of delay."	9/18.
	C 2352	" 18	Confirms above.	11/8.
	2363	" 19	Exchange vouchers to accompany each draft for disbursements. Advocates the system of, instead of currency certificates determined at the beginning of each quarter as now required by Treasy.	11/8.
	Tel	" 18	Riot in Szechuan "Interview with the Tsung. for F.A. more satisfactory will have conclusive answer two days. Have directed members of Commission to prepare go."	9/18.
	2354	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above	11/8.
	2355 2356	" 19	Same subject. Text of dep. tels	11/8.
	Tel	" 19	Same subject. Repeat last three groups telegraphed eighteenth."	9/19
	Tel	" 19	Riot at Kutien. "Question of clemency raised at Kutien. Think all accused should be tried and sentenced if guilty. Wholesale executions should not be insisted on. Will you authorize Hixson to consent to commutation after judgment not before."	9/19
	2357	" 19	Confirms above.	11/8.
	C 2358	" 19	Riot in Szechuan. Interview with Yamen on the subject of cooperation of China with American Commission, reported. Better disposition evinced by Yamen	11/8.
	2359	" 21	Text of dep. tel of Sept. 19.	11/8.
	Tel.	" 20	Riot in Szechuan. "Opposition of China to Commission practically finished. Commission will go unless countermanded."	9/20.
	2360	" 21	Same subject. Enc's note from the Yamen suggesting that the Commission, if insisted on by Sec'y of State, should proceed by water, not by land and consult with the Judge of Szechuan on arrival	11/8.
	2361	" 21	Same subject. Text of dep. tel of Sept 20.	11/8.
	2362	" 21	Riot at Kutien. Question of clemency. Notes tel. from Consul Hixson in regard thereto	11/8
	2363	" 23	1115 to 1119 acted.	11/8.
	C 2364	" 24	Riot at Kutien. Question of clemency. Consul Hixson has been instructed not to consider the Quotes ltr. Advises that Chinese law be allowed to take its course, unless England take the initiative	11/8
	Tel	" 24	Riot in Szechuan. "China begs that Commission go by water. Mahommedan rebellion in Kansuh necessitates severely guarding Szechuan and Shensi roads. Danger anticipated. Yamen proffers all protection by river."	9/24.
	2365	" 24	Same subject. Confirms above and enc's note from Yamen therein condensed.	11/8.
	2366	" 25	Same subject. Text of dep. tel. of Sept. 21.	11/8.
	Tel	" 26	British fleet ordered to China to enforce pressure. Special designs not known.	9/26.
	2367	" 26	Confirms above.	11/8.
	Tels	" 27	Riot in Szechuan. "Six criminals executed Chungtu. Thirteen punished banishm't, imprison't, bamboo'ing."	9/27
	C 2368	" 27	Same subject. Enc's note from Yamen giving above information.	11/8.
	C 2369	" 27	Same subject. "History of the Szechuan riots", a pamphlet, Enc'd.	11/8.
	Tel	" 28	Same subject. "Yamen have tel'd authorities Anhui, Shansi, Shensi to appoint officer and escort Commission. Barber desires to withdraw, others ready Edict will issue in a few days punishing officials and degrading Vice Roy. Will telegraph it."	9/28.
	2370	" 28	Same subject. Confirms above. Escort will consist of one officer and twenty cavalry men.	11/8.
	2371	" 30	Same subject. Notes rel. to escort of Commission Enc'd.	11/8.
	Tel	" 29	Same subject. "Directed Barber to come immediately to Tientsin from Tokyo. [He will. He] Had asked Sec'y of Navy to relieve him. Read Cruisers are ready to go. Shall they wait for Barber or any other person." (He wires he)	9/29.
	C Tel	" 30	Same subject. "Imperial decree issued. Abstract: Responsibility for Szechuan riots rests with officials. Vice Roy Lin careless, took no notice of beginning of the riots; he is deprived of office, never be again employed, other officials to be punished."	9/30.
	2372	" 30	Anti. foreign riots in various parts of China. Reports of, have been communicated to the Yamen, which had them investigated. Note from Yamen Enc'd.	11/8
	C 2373	" 30	Riot in Szechuan. Decree referred to in tel. of Sept 30, enc'd. Altho' action of Gt Britain in ordering her fleet to China and of France in recommending punishment had its effect, credit for this unprecedented decree mainly belongs to U.S. insisting on sending investigating Commission.	11/8.

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Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	2374	Sept 30	Riot in Szechuan. Text of tels to and from legation of Sep. 28 and 29	11/8.
	2375	" 30	Same subject. Enc's tels. correspc with Commander Barber rel. to his going with Commission	11/8
	c2376	" 30	Same subject. Particulars as to nationality and number of foreigners driven from Szechuan and prospects for the future, given. French claims have been settled and their missionaries have returned	11/8.
	2377	Oct. 1	Same subject. Instructions issued to Commission by legation, encl'd.	11/8
	2378	" 1	Same subject. Text of Dep. tel. of Sept 30. Interpreter Cheshore left for Tientsin this day	11/8.
	c2379	" 1	Riot at Kutien. Delay and apathy on the part of local authorities displayed in prosecution of rioters. Enc's tels from and to Consul Nixon and note of representations to the Yamen.	11/8.
	2380	" 1	Anti-foreign riots apprehended in Shansi. Enc's note to Yamen demanding stringent measures	11/8.
	2381	" 2	Riot in Szechuan. Escort for and route of investigating Commission. Enc's note from Yamen giving measures taken in regard to the	11/8
	2382	" 3	Chefoo. Efficiency of Cons. Agt at, A.R. Donnelly. Letter from Adl Carpenter paying tribute to the, encl'd	11/19
	2383	" 3	Riot in Szechuan. Hsi Yang Lin was not ordered to Peking nor appointed Commissioner to investigate, but directed to remain at Chengtu pending investigation. Refs to 1123.	11/19
	2384	" 3	1120 to 1128 acknd.	11/19
	2385	" 4	Anti-foreign riots apprehended in Shansi. Local authorities have been ordered to take necessary measures. Note from Yamen encl'd.	11/19
	2386	" 5	Newspapers for legation. Re "Nation" and "Harper's Weekly" requested.	11/19
	2387	" 5	Banking System. Report to Comptroller of Currency Encl'd	11/19
	C2388	" 6	Missionary right to purchase land upheld in the case of American Norwegian Mission at Fan Tsun. Notes encl'd.	11/19
	Tel.	" 6	Riot in Szechuan. "Commission started to day."	10/6.
	2389	" 7	Same subject. Confirms above.	11/19
	C2390	" 7	Same subject. Punishment of Viceroy Lin and especially publication of the decree were due to action as exerted of Brit and U.S. legations and not as given out by Chinese legation at London to French Min.	11/19
	C2391	" 8	Assault on Missionary Shuffield. Enc's note urging punishment of his assailants. Refers to #2281, 2331 and 2366	11/19
	2392	" 9	U.S. War Ships. Calls of legation for. Enc's tel. to Admiral Carpenter making requisition.	11/19
	C2393	" 9	Riot at Kutien. Brit. Min. is inclined to leniency and will probably withdraw his Commissioner. In view of Dep's instruction 1116, a note (encl'd) from Yamen on the subject of avoiding indiscriminate prosecutions is evasively answered.	11/19.
	2394	" 9	France and China. Closer relations between, established by the appointment of a Chinese Min. to France	11/19
	2395	" 10	Riot at Kutien. Brit. Min. denies statement attributed to him in Yamen's note encl'd in Desp. 2393. He only said that G't Britain desired that leaders be punished rather than mere tools. Statement Encl'd	11/19
	C2396	" 10	Americans residing in China. Consuls have been directed to furnish lists of, in compliance with treaty of 94.	11/19
	2397	" 11	Minister of China to France. Chuig Chang, is a Roman Catholic. Refers to #2394	11/19
	2398	" 11	1130 to 1141 acknd; [illegible]1129 not received.	11/19.
	C Tel	" 15	Riot at Kutien. "17 criminals will be executed Kutien. Yamen agrees all leaders will be executed, all participants sentenced, all implicated to be tried. Commission will probably be adjourned."	
	—	"	Riot in Szechuan. "Imperial decree issued referring subordinate Szechuan officials to board for punishment."	10/20
	2399	" 15	Riot at Kutien. Abstract of the Brit. Consul's report on the investigation.	11/29
	2400	" 15	Same subject. Confirms tel. of this date, adds that action of the Yamen was jointly secured by Brit Min and himself and that when Brit. Commissioner is recalled, the U.S. Amt will be withdrawn	
	—	"	Riot in Szechuan. Decree referred to in tel. of Oct 15 is satisfactory so far as it goes, but promise of punishing Chow Taotai guilty of inciting anti Christian feeling has not been fulfilled.	11/29.
	2401	" 15	Riot in Kutien. Complaint of Min. Denby's action by China. Acts 1134 and confident that he has acted in accordance with his Inst. rejoices that it destroys complaint of inaction from other quarters	11/29
	2402	" 16	Same subject. Enc's tel. from Consul Nixon reporting progress of criminal proceedings.	11/29
	2403	" 16	Riot in Szechuan. Enc's decree relating trial and punishment of rioters, and removal of and proceedings against guilty officials.	11/29
	C2404	" 18	Assault on Missionary Shuffield. Demand on the Yamên that criminals be tried at Peking and sentenced to imprisonment for life encl'd. Reasons for his action given.	11/29
Charles Denby Jr. Secy Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	—	" 15	Transit. Certificate of, to post encl'd as requested in Ins of Sept 5.	11/29
	C Tel	" 22	Riot at Kutien. "Fourteen beheaded Kutien yesterday. Commissioners leave Thursday."	10/22
	2405	" 23	Same subject. Report of British Commissioner on the conduct of Chinese authorities encl'd	12/5.

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Charles Denby, Esq. U.S.	C2406	Oct 24	Retrocession of Liaotung Peninsula to China agreed to by Japan; consideration 30 million taels to be paid early in November.	12/5.
	2407	" 25	Riot at Kutien. Brit. Commissioner ordered to return to Foochow where trial of remaining cases will be held. In spite of his disapproving thereof, U.S. Consul is ordered by legation to be present. Reasons for this action given. Telegrams from & to Consul Dickson encld.	12/5
	2408	" 26	Riot in Szechuan. Satisfactory progress of the Commission's journey reported.	12/5.
	2409	" 28	Same subject. Cooperation of China. Commission will be met at the frontier of Szechuan by military and civil officers and the Provincial Judge will cooperate in the investigation. Note encl'd.	12/5.
	C2410	" 29	Missionaries' Right to address local officials. Delegation, John W. Long, American and Mr. Pollard, English are at Peking to urge the, among other representations. As that right is expressly denied by treaty, Dept's instructions are awaited.	12/19
	2411	" 30	Bandits' apprehended attack on Canton. Yamen and U.S. Admiral appealed to to afford protection.	12/19
	2412	" 31	1129 and 1142 to 1157 acknd.	12/19
	C2413	" 31	Riot in Szechuan. Degradation of Taotai Chou and other officials, in compliance with legation's demands. Enc's decree.	12/19
	2414	" 31	Bandits' attack on Canton was forestalled by Yamen's orders and seventy of their number were arrested. Refers to 2411 and encs Yamen's reply to his note.	12/19
	C2415	Nov. 1	Riots. Investigating Commissions. The Commission sent to Szechuan was instructed before hand as shown in 2377 that they had no judicial functions, Consul Dickson was at first instructed to cooperate with Brit Commissioner at Kutien, and subsequently warned against judicial action in the matter of clemency; it is not believed that the Commission exercised any such action.	12/19
	2416	" 1	1137 acknd.	12/19
	2417	" 1	Text of Dep's tel. of Oct 30.	12/19
	C2418	" 2	Tang Yards of China. Scheme to turn them over to syndicates of Chinese merchants residing abroad is under consideration. Decree rel. thereto encl'd.	12/19
	C2419	" 4	Civil service list of China. Red book encl'd. Dept to 1157.	12/19.
	2420	" 5	Bandits' attack on Canton. Note from the Yamen relating the capture of men and arms and to Szechuan Commission's arrival in Shansi encl'd.	12/19
	2421	" 5	Chinkiang. Charge of Swedish Consulate at. Consul Jones has been asked by Swed. Minister to assume charge. Authority for him to accept requested by telegram.	12/19
	Tel.	" 7	Riot at Kutien. "Five rioters beheaded Foo Chow this morning."	11/7
	2422	" 7	Confirms above.	12/19
	C2423	" 9	France. Chinese Convention rel. to trade between French possessions in Annam and China encl'd. Cession of territory referred to in Ins. 1104 is not mentioned therein but it is known that Gt Britain has entered a protest against the same as violative of agreement between Gt Britain and China.	12/19.
	C2424	" 11	Assault on Missionary Sheffield. Assailants have been sentenced to 15 and 10 years imprisonment; legation finds this inadequate and demands life sentence or reopening of the case in presence of a representative of the foreign victim. Notes encl'd. Refers to 2281, 2331, 2344, 2391 and 2404.	12/19.
	C2425	" 12	Kerosene. Taxation, excessive, in the province of Kwang Tung. Encl's note of protest.	12/19.
	2426	" 12	Jurisdiction conceded to Germany over land at Hankow already occupied in part by the Standard Oil Co. which refuses to accept the same. Discusses the question in the light of international law and articles of concessions, and adds that he will support the Company if required.	12/19.
	C2427	" 13	Retrocession by Japan of Liaotung to China, Text of Treaty encl'd.	12/19
	2428	" 13	Chinese teacher for second Secretary of legation. Allowance of $150 Mex. per annum requested.	12/19.
To Mex 28. Despatches 1175, 1176, 1180, 1, 2 and 3 missing.	2429	" 14	Assault on Missionary Sheffield. The case has been reopened. Note of Yamen encl'd.	12/19
	2430	" 14	Discovery of Con Gen. at Shanghai towards Admiral Carpenter Desp's 1118 as to. As Con Gen Jernigan has already made explanations to the Dep, no action will be taken by the legation; explains why no action was taken upon the Admiral's direct complaint.	12/19
	C2431	" 14	Missionaries in the Interior. Sets forth various reasons which make it inexpedient for the legation to give them advice as to remaining or coming to treaty ports. Reply to 1168.	12/30.
	2432	" 16	Yamen. Appointment of Kan Jung fen as a member of the, reported.	12/30.
	C2433	" 18	Riot in Szechuan. Cooperation with Brit. Min. in the investigation of, denied. Remarks that the Missionaries at Shanghai were the first to suggest such cooperation that they now denounce. Cooperation was at all times limited to such action as was participated in by the whole diplomatic corps. Refs. to 1162.	12/30

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Charles Denby, Esq. E. and M. P.	2434	Nov. 18	1158 to 1168 acknd.	12/30
	2435	" 19	Riot in Szechuan. Commission has arrived at Sigunan, is now beyond the reach of telegraph and is expected to arrive at its destination in about a month.	12/30.
See Cipher Telegram	2436	" 21	Testimonials sent have been forwarded to Agriculture Dep. Reply to 1060.	12/30
	2437	" 21	Club of Chinese literati. Reports the organization of and gives details on a.	12/30.
C	2438	" 25	Funds in arms supplied from abroad to China during late war. Memorial to the throne openly charges, and recommends that Tsotai Lin be placed in control of arsenal at Shanghai.	1/9
C	2439	" 25	Missionary right to purchase land under the French "Brothering" Convention has been recognized in the case of the Baptist Mission at Hanyang which has received a regular title.	1/9
C	2440	" 26	Missionary right to address local officials. Delegation referred to in desp 2410 has been presented to the Yamen which has received it with courtesy but without committing itself on any of the desiderata	1/9
	2441	" 26	Riot at Kutien. Refers to desp 1172 and explains that no objection was made by the legation to the appointment of Commander Otwell on the investigating commission, expression being only given before such appointment, to his opinion on its advisability.	1/9
	2442	" 26	Railway Pooling. There is but one line of railroad in China. Reply to Circ of Oct 15	1/9
	2443	" 26	1159 to 1174 acknd.	1/9
C	2444	Dec. 4	Missionary right to purchase land under the French "Berthemy" Convention. Encs correspondence sustaining the, in the case of the Southern Presbyterian Mission at Soochow. Satisfactory solution is anticipated.	1/17
C	2445	" 5	Kerosene. Taxation, local, of. Contention of China that it is only levied on Chinese merchants and is therefore not in violation of treaties is answered by pointing out that the spirit of the treaty is violated and that the extension of the principle to other articles would be fatal to foreign trade. Notes encd. Refers to Desp 2425.	1/17
	2446	" 9	Naval forces of the Great Powers in Chinese waters. Encs clipping from North China News giving list of, and in view of preponderance of the combined fleets over the English suggesting a "Navy league".	1/17
C	2447	" 9	Railroad from Tientsin to Lutton bridge, near Peking. Encs decree providing for the construction of the by Hsü Chü-fen, a Chinaman. This policy of placing contracts in the hands of natives will probably have to be given up, and a wide field be opened to European and american contractors	1/27
	2448	" 11	Typewriting machine, acknowledged with thanks.	1/27
C	2449	" 13	Foo Chow. Complaints of Consul at, against the Vice Roy who is said to refuse to see the Consul and takes no action on any case presented to him. The matter has been laid before the Yamen. Correspondence with Consul encd.	1/27
Charles Denby Jr Secy Charles Denby E.E. & M.P.	4	" 11	Compensation as acting interpreter during Mr. Cheshire's absence requested	1/7
C	2450	" 16	Kerosene. Taxation, local of. Yamen declines to do away with the and argues that the trade has not been injured by said taxation. Adverts to fruitless efforts of Japanese Min. to bring about a removal during	Refers 2/5.
C	2451	" 18	Riot at Kutien. Report of Commander Otwell on the events of the, and proceedings of the investigating Com'n. Joint report has been requested and will be forwarded at a later date.	2/5.
	2452	" 19	Trade in munitions of war, machinery, &c at New Chwang. Encs letter from Consul protesting a brisk, and offering suggestions for American exporters.	2/5.
Tel		" 21	Venezuelan Boundary Question. "Congratulate President on Venezuela message. If war comes, offer my services."	12/22
	2453	" 23	Confirms above.	2/13
	2454	" 23	Riot at Kutien. Joint report has been requested of Consul Hixson, to whom Dep't Dec 11 has been forwarded.	2/13
C	2455	" 24	Assault on Missionary Sheffield. In reference to legation's demands, assailants are sentenced to imprisonment for life. The Yamen remarks that the sentence is unusually severe, and it is suggested that the Dep. express some appreciation of the action taken by them. Refs to 2419.	2/13
C	2456	" 26	Riot at Kutien. Viceroy denies the charges made against him by Consul Hixson as related in Desp. 2449, and represents that the Consul displays more zeal than justified by the circumstances. Consul has been instructed to let all, except special cases, rest until joint report has been submitted to the Dep.	2/13
Tel.		" 28	Missing Instructions. Despatches eleven seventy five, seventy six eleven eighty one, two and three missing."	12/28.
	2457	" 28	Confirms above; acknowledges all other instructions to 1186.	2/13.

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Charles Denby. Esq. M.P.	2458	Dec. 31	Prot. in Szechuan. Commission telegraphed on Dec 28 that it had completed the investigation and would leave on Jan 1, it was at once instructed by wire to remain until it had discharged its full duty. Encs text of Mt. exchanged with the Commission during course of investigation	2/13.

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Charles Denby, Esq.	2459	Jan	11 1170 to 1195 and circ. of Oct. 17 acknd.	2/24.
	C2460	"	6 Missionary (Swedish) troubles in China. In view of the guarded language of Ins. 1182 and of the fact that Min. Denby is vested with diplomatic functions as to the claim therein referred to, assistance will not be rendered in an active form until asked by the latter	2/24.
	2461	"	8 Leave of 60 days to be spent on a sea voyage during spring or summer requested. Asks that a war vessel be placed at his disposal to visit Chinese ports on public interest	2/24.
	2462	"	11 Assault on Missionary Sheffield. Enc's letter of Dr. S. thanking legation for its action in the case	3/11
	2463	"	15 1196 to 1206 acknd.	3/11
	C2464	"	20 Claim of American owners of the cargo of Brit. SS "Pathan" seized in 1894 by Chinese cruiser. Refers to Disp. 1991, recites circumstances of the case, and settlement by China with Brit owners of the ship. Tsungli Yamen has instructed Chinese Comr of Customs at Shanghai to determine with Con. Gen. of the US, amount due for damage to the cargo. Note encs.	3/11.
	C2465	"	20 Government of China. Enc's clipping giving the different departments and names of officers of the	3/11.
	2466	"	20 Minister of Great Britain to China. History of Sir Claude Maxwell Macdonald, appointed.	3/11.
	C2467	"	21 Treaty of Commerce between Japan and China. Negotiations brought to a stand still by a contention on the part of China that goods manufactured by Japanese in China should bear a higher tax than those imported from Japan. Gives his view of the question, in favor of Japan	3/11.
	2468	"	24 Message of the President. Thanks for passages in the Annual, rel to conduct of affairs at the legation	3/11.
	C2469	"	25 American Concession at Tien-Tsin. Permission to open two roads through the, has been conceded to German Min. and a written statement (encs) obtained in return granting to Americans right to purchase land in German concession. Question of jurisdiction should in his opinion, be kept under advisement. Reply to 1175.	3/11.
	2470	"	25 Ship and Railroad building. Efforts of the legation to bring American industry in, to the front	3/25.
	2471	"	28 Missionaries desiderata have been unofficially presented to the Yamen. Discusses the advisability of pressing that relative to the removal of disqualification for office of native Christians. Note encl.	3/25.
	C2472	"	30 Taxation of goods manufactured by Japanese in China. Referring to "2467 takes the item of cotton to illustrate the grounds on which the Chinese negotiators insists upon the, when the raw material comes from the interior of China and the manufactured article is not intended for exportation.	3/25.
	2473	"	30 1207 to 1210 acknd.	3/25.
	2474	Feb.	3 Reform Club of Peking has been suppressed by Imperial order. Refers to "2437.	3/25.
	C2475	"	6 Anti-Christian clauses of the Chinese Code have been ordered expunged from all copies of the Code, through the efforts of the French Minister. Enc's correspondence between Yamen and French legation	4/3.
	2476	"	10 1212 to 1220 acknd.	4/3.
	C2477	"	10 Assault on Missionary Sheffield. Assailants have been sentenced to imprisonment for life. Note encl	4/3.
	2478	"	10 Riot at Kutien. Report on investigation of, has been delayed by Con. Hixson's illness.	4/3.
	C2479	"	14 Claims of Missionaries for "consequential damages" resulting from riots in Szechuan. Enc's statement received through Consul at Shanghai and submits the same to the Dept's decision	4/3.
	C2480	"	15 Decorations tendered by Japan to Dep.t Com. Officers of the US. Refers to "1211; submits that prestige of Consuls would be enhanced if they were allowed to accept the decorations, and that China would also confer decorations if intimation was given her that they would be received, with the assent of Congress.	4/3.
	2481	"	17 Coronation of the Czar. Appointment of Li Hung Chang as China's representative at the, is believed to be intended rather as a means of getting him out of the country, than as an honor	4/3.
	Tel	"	19 Same subject. "Li goes by Odessa will write fully."	3/19
	2482	"	19 Same subject. Confirms above. Li will visit the capitals of Germany France and Great Britain; if his visiting the US. is desired, as it might prove beneficial to the interests of the US. invitation should be made through the Tsung li Yamen. Instructions requested	4/3.
	C2483	"	20 Decoration tendered to Vice Consul Tenney by China for services rendered in organizing Red Cross institutions during the War. Asks that authority by Congress to accept be requested	4/3
	Tel.	"	24 Visit of Li Hung Chang to the US. "Li will go from London to New York, Washington, in September	3/24
	2484	"	24 Same subject. Confirms above. Write particulars about his route and stay in the US	4/3.
	C2485	Mar	2 English as the diplomatic language in China. Recites his refusal to comply with the request of French and Russian representatives to use the French language at official receptions as Dean of the Corps and sets forth reasons for his action	4/25.
	2486	"	2 1222 to 1229 acknd.	4/25.
	2487	"	3 Railway from Shanghai to Woosung. Decree of Vice Roy ordering the construction of the, encl	4/25.

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Charles Denby. U.S.M.S	2488	Mar 4	Etiquette. Hardships of Chinese, an old man, illustrated by the experiences of Vice Roy Li Hung Chang at audiences of the Emperor and Empress.	4/25.
	2489	" 5	Audience to the Diplomatic Corps on Chinese New Year. Dec's ceremonial and his address as dean	4/25.
	c2490	" 9	Missionaries desiderata. Memorial placed before the Tsung li Yamen thro' the legation. Enc's	4/25.
	2491	" 18	1230 to 1232 asked.	4/15.
	c2492	" 16	Loan of 100 million taels was secured by an English-German syndicate whose terms were more advantageous than those offered by the american syndicate. Discusses terms & object of the loan.	4/30
	c2493	" 17	Treaty between Russia and China. Advantages conceded to Russia by alleged secret treaty which Li Hung Chang is said to carry to Russia for ratification. Enc's newspaper article on the subject	4/30.
	c2494	" 17	Visit of Li Hung Chang to Europe and the U.S. A commissioner of the Chinese Customs belonging to each nationality will be designated to attend him in each of the countries visited.	4/30.
	2495	" 20	Transit Passes at Shanghai. Enc's note to Yamen urging that they be issued by the Com'r of Customs	4/30.
	c2496	" 24	Riots in Szechuan. Claims of the Methodist Mission growing out of the, have been settled by arrangement of the Chinese Gov't with American investigating Commission. The claims of the Southern Baptist Mission are to be presented by the legation to the Yamen. Refers to Desp. 2479 and requests instruction as to amount to be presented.	4/30.
	2497	" 25	Shanghai. Foreign Concessions at. Enc's note asking that they be extended and roads built.	4/30.
	—	" 17	Publications "Customs" transmitted.	5/2.
	2498	" 27	Testimonial. Receipt of Commander Yuen for the, in Dis. 1040, Enc'd.	5/7
	2499	" 31	1233 to 1245 asked.	5/7
	2500	April 2	Ichang. Complaint of Consul against Vice Roy at. Enc's note to Yamen and tel. to Consul rel. to, as stated in Dis. 1236.	5/7
	c2501	" 2	Transit Passes at Shanghai. Yamen declines to make the change by which they would be issued by the foreign instead of the Chinese Customs Service. Refers to 2495 and Enc's correspondence	5/7
	c2502	" 2	Concession (American) at Tien-tsin. Abandonment of, is urged by the Consul and recommended by the legation, there being no American merchants at that place. Enc's Consul's letter and refers to 2196 and 2469	5/7
	2503	" 2	Assault on Missionary Sheffield. The convicted assailants have arrived at their respective place of confinement. Enc's note from the Yamen.	5/7
	c2504	" 3	Kerosene. Internal taxation of. Likin at Hankow has been reduced to the former rate. Refers to Dis. 1235	5/7.
	2505	" 3	Riot at Kutien. Consul Mason has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties and attend to the report on. Refers to 2441	5/18.
	—	" 11	Newspaper for legation. "The Nation" desired.	5/18.
	2506	" 4	Insurrection, Mahommedan, is nearly at an end. Quotes from letter of Rev. A. M. Lagerquist on the subject.	5/18.
	2507	" 4	1246 and 1247 asked.	5/18.
	2508	" 6	Assault on Missionary Sheffield. One of the convicts died in jail.	5/18.
	c2509	" 6	Missionary right to purchase land. The Southern Presbyterian Mission has received deeds for the property it bought at Chang Chow. Refers to D. 24144 and Enc's note from the Yamen	5/18.
	2510	" 6	Trade of China for 1895. Enc's statistics and reports and discusses the same.	5/18.
	c2511	" 13	Registration of American citizens at Consulates cannot include aliens who have merely declared their intention. Encloses despatch to Consul at Newchwang on the subject	5/28
	c2512	" 13	Venezuelan Boundary Question. Quotes from Vol's of Foreign Relations to the effect that at one time Brit. Min. recognized Venezuela's authority over mouths of the Orinoco; recent dispute between Britain and France over Siamese territory given as presenting some analogy with the Ven. question.	5/25.
	c2513	" 20	Claim of the American Trading Company growing out of refusal to clear a cargo of beans from Newchwang to Japan. Reports action of the legation and Enc's papers in the case for instructions	6/10.
	2514	" 21	Leave may be spent in Japan. Ack's 1248.	6/10.
	c2515	" 22	Counterfeiting of silver coins in China by foreigners. Enc's notes from & to Yamen asking and promising punishment of the offenders.	6/10.
	2516	" 24	1249 to 1252 asked	6/18.
	2517	" 24	Centennial (Jesuit) of the Princeton University. Invitation in 1252 will be delivered	6/10.
	—	" 28	Coinage. Report called for Director of the Mint	6/10.
	2518	" 29	Renting of summer residences outside of Nankin. Privilege of, has been asked and granted in behalf of American residents. Notes Encl.	6/10.
	2519	May 2	Postal Service of China is to be put on a European footing and China to enter the Postal Union. Details of the new service discussed.	6/10

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Charles Denby Ee. MP	c2520	May 2	Claim of the American Baptist Mission Union has been presented to the Yamen, on the latter's intimation of its wish to settle. Amount asked $16180. Refers to D.[e] 2479.	6/10.
	Tel.	" 4	Leave[s] will leave on the 14th for Japan 60 days. Request confirmation Sec'y of Leg Chargé d'affaires[s]	5/14.
	2521	" 4	Same subject Confirms above; his address will be care of Ind Legation at Tokyo	6/10.
	2522	" 6	Same subject. Text of Dep[t] tel. recite.	6/10
	c2523	" 7	Siam. France British Agreement in relation to their respective possessions and influence in, enc'd, as published in the North China News.	6/10.
	2524	" 7	Supplies requested Oct 10 have not been received. Requisition for other supplies enc'd.	6/10.
	c2525	" 9	Claim of the American Baptist, Mission Union. $16180 have been ordered paid to U.S. Consul at Shanghai. Question of Yamen as to whether claim of Swedish Missionaries was included in the amount will be inquired into.	6/10.
	2526	" 9	Same subject. Assistance rendered by Consul Read in the case is commended.	6/10.
Charles Denby Jr, Ch d'affaires	2527	" 11	Legation taken in charge this day.	6/22
	2528	" 14	Robbery by soldiers. Missionary A. Sydenstricker has accepted $100 in full compensation. Encls his letter.	6/22
	c2529	" 20	Concessions to France and Russia at Nankow include property already held by foreigners of other nationalities who will protest. Consul directed to make reservations for American rights.	7/3.
	c2530	" 20	Missionaries' right to purchase land under the Berthemy Convention. An effort of the Southern Presbyterian Mission to established a station at Chü-chou-fu baffled by the covert hostility of local magistrate. Representations have been made and orders sent to authorities to respect the treaty	7/3.
	2531	" 22	D.[e] 1255 to 1260 acknl.	7/3.
	c2532	" 22	Russia and Great Britain. Conflict of influence of, in China, further illustrated by concession of a jetty to Russia at Chefoo where foreshore is already owned by English merchants. Refers to 2529	7/3.
	c2533	" 23	Missionary trouble at Kiangyin. Southern Presbyterian Mission looted by a mob upon discovery of body of a child in the backyard; missionaries safe; ringleader in prison; Consul at Chinkiang instructed to seek settlement for this case and that reported in D.[e] 2530.	7/11
	c2534	" 25	American interests in China. Particulars of efforts to promote, and assistance given by the legation	7/11
	2535	" 27	Exposition. Centennial of Tennessee. Invitation in Dis. of April 13 will be delivered as directed	7/11
	c2536	" 30	Missionary trouble at Kiangyin. Enc's report of Consul at Chinkiang. Refers to D.[e] 2535.	7/11.
	c2537	June 1	Catholics and Baptists. Conflict between native converts at Ku-chi. Enc's corresp.[ce] from Consul and Missionary at Swatow, and notes from and to Yamen rel. to protection and justice to be dealt to all regardless of denomination. French influence and evil of receiving converts of doubtful character discussed	7/18.
	2538	" 2	Students, Chinese, desirous of entering the U.S. Reports his action in the case of two, and asks facilities for them on their arrival at San Francisco.	7/18.
	c2539	" 3	Claim of the Am.[n] Baptist Mission Union has been settled on the figures given by the Missionaries themselves and including losses of every nature suffered at or in consequence of riots in Szechuan	7/18.
	c Tel	" 3	Same subject "Baptist Missionary riot Szechuan losses paid."	6/24.
	c2540	" 4	Navigation on the Woosung River from Shanghai to Soochow is open to foreigners under the Shimonoseki Treaty. Inquiry of an American citizen at Soochow so answered.	7/18.
	2541	" 5	Museum of mechanical appliances of the Peking University. Recommends the sending of exhibits as a good advertisement for American trade in that line.	7/18.
	"	" 6	Publication. Customs Gazette forwarded	7/18.
	c2542	" 6	Protection of Belgian subjects by U.S. Consul at Chinkiang has been requested by Belg Chargé d'affs. who, following the precedent in the case of Swedish Consulate, was advised to apply thro' Belg. Leg. at Washington	7/18.
	2543	" 8	Exposition, Centennial, of Tennessee. Exportation of exhibits for the will be exempt from duty.	7/18.
	c2544	" 9	Catholics and Baptists. Conflict between native converts. French Min. has rec'd reports placing all the blame on the Baptists; intervention by either legation is not deemed advisable but Yamen has been asked to release the Baptist native teacher, and to order justice to all	7/18.
	2545	" 10	Military and Railway Schools will be established at Nanking; Enc's memorial that has been approved by the Emperor; German influence in these matters still increasing.	7/18.
	c2546	" 11	Russia and China. Negotiations between. While nothing definite can be learned in regards, it is pretty certain that Vice Roy Li is conducting negotiations by which Russia will guarantee the present Dynasty and receive in return sundry privileges, among others that of building her Trans Siberian railroad to an ice free port. Refers 1763.	7/18.
	c2547	" 12	Catholics and Baptists. Conflict between. Only settlement that can be reached with the consent of French Min. is a mutual abandonment of all claims and release of prisoners. Consul so informed Refers 2544	7/18.

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China				
Charles Denby Jr, Ch d'affaires ad		June 15	Publication Trade Returns transmitted.	7/25.
	c 2548	" 18	Navigation Obstructed by sunken Vessels. Eng's rules proposed by China for the removal of wrecks. Points out objections to the same and asks in what they differ from U.S. rules.	7/25.
	c 2549	" 19	Missionary trouble in Hu Nan. Presbyterian property destroyed and native converts persecuted at Lien Chu. Yamen takes prompt action and Consul at Hankow will address the Vice Roy	7/25.
	2549 bis	" 24	Foochow. Leave of absence of Consul Hixson &c, Consul at Shanghai asks his advice, as Consul Hixson desires to leave at once on account of his health tho' Vice Consulship is vacant. Has advised that Dept's telegraphic confirmation of nomination of Hixson's brother as Vice Consul be obtained.	8/5
	2550	" 25	Claim of American Baptist Missionary Union. Since it is now paid is of opinion that further inquiry as to the items thereof is inadvisable. Refers to No 1272	8/5
	c 2551	" 26	Postal service of China. Extension of, & entry of China into the International Postal Union definitely announced by the Yamen. Americans residing in China are rqd by Chinese govt to send their mail thro' Chinese post offices. Refers to his No 2519	8/5
	c 2552	" 26	Certificates of identity required by the Act of July 5. 1884. Chinese govt has never of its own initiative issued them nor has it ever declined to issue them. Only 4 have been issued & the applications therefor have all been addressed to the Legs Names the four cases. No difficulty will be found by this method, a simpler one might lead to abuse of the privilege. Refers to 1278	8/5
	2553	July 1	Death of the Emperor's Mother, Princess Chun, on June 18 reported. Incident of no political importance.	8/5
	2554	" 1	Passport blanks rcd	8/5
	c 2555	" 3	Postal service of China. Extension of, to be gradual. Several years may elapse before foreign mails are handled. Refers to No 2551	8/5
	c 2556	" 3	Counterfeit coins. Exportation of, from China to be prevented. Coin & bullion will hereafter be examined before permit to ship is issued.	8/5
	c 2557	" 3	Commercial Treaty between China & Japan. Negotiation of, promises to be brought to a speedy conclusion; the negotiators having agreed to leave undecided the dispute as to the taxing of products of Japanese mills in China.	8/5
	2558	" 6	Ningpo. Closing of Consulate at. Consul Fowler having written his intention to depart for Chefoo is informed that legation will not approve until Dept's instructions shall have been rec'd.	8/14
		" 7	Type-writing machine. Represents necessity for a second, at the legation.	8/19
Charles Denby, E&MP	Tel	" 8	Leave. Month's extension requested. Sickness."	7/8.
Charles Denby Jr. Ch d'affaires ad	2559.	" 10	American Concession at Tien-tsin. Legation consents to the transfer of the to the German Govt. but demurs to the Tao-tai's assumption that the US will never demand another settlement. Encs Tao-tai's note to Consul. Reply to 1270	8/19.
	c 2560	" 10	Russian jetty at Chefoo. Difficulty over the, reported in No 2532, has been removed by China deciding to build on the spot a larger jetty open to all. Encs note from Yamen & Diagram	8/19
	c 2561	" 11	Catholics and Baptists. Conflict between native. Settlement reached with Chinese Govt and French legation is not satisfactory to Missionary McKibben who, among other remedies, seeks an investigation by a Commission similar to that of Cheng-tu. Sets forth reasons which would make such a step unadvisable and encs correspondence with McKibben. Refs to 2537 and 2544.	8/19
	c 2562	" 13	Kerosene. Duties on. Suggestions of the Standard Oil Agent in Shanghai regarding a change to specific duties in the event of a revision of the Chinese tariff. Encd.	8/19
	c 2563	" 13	Visit of Li Hung Chang to the U.S. Denies newspaper reports of official connection of Louis Spitzel with the; character of the man and of his brothers.	8/19
	2564	" 21	Flags of China. Encs designs of nine Chinese flags & descriptions of same. Reply to April 25.	9/4
	c 2565	" 22	Commercial Treaty between Japan & China provided for in Art. VI of the Shimonoseki Treaty was signed on July 21. 1896 There was some reluctance by China to surrender jurisdiction over Chinese subjects in Japan but this was insisted upon. The degree of reciprocity contained in Art. V of Treaty of 1894 bet. China & U.S. for registration of Am. laborers was refused consideration by the Japanese. Copies of the treaty cannot be had until its ratification.	9/4
	2566	" 22	Claim of American Baptist Missionary Union. Encs copy of the receipt of the Treasurer for Tls 14 305 paid by Chinese govt.	9/4.
	c 2567	" 24	Certificates of identity required by Act of July 5. 1884 of Chinese entering U.S. In reply to a request of the Consul at Canton he was instructed how to prepare a certificate according to statute to be signed by the Taotai & viséd by Consul following case of Dr. Hart (Foreign Relations, 1890, p. 186).	9/4
	c 2568	" 24	Catholics and Baptists conflict between native. Supplements report in Kwo-chu case enclosed with his No 2561 with correspondence between himself & Mr. Ashmore of Am. Bapt. Mis. Union. In his desire for vindication Mr. Ashmore seems to lose sight of the fact that this case is now practically settled in his favor.	9/4
	c 2569	" 25	Students of languages, Chinese at the capitals of England, France, Russia & Germany. Reports that Chinese govt selected from the Imperial Tung Wen College sixteen students, four to each country to reside 2 yrs. attached to Chinese Legations. Has enquired informally of the Yamen why U.S. was overlooked & informed that its language was same as Eng. Thinks it best authorized request that four be sent to U.S. it would be done.	9/4

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Charles Denby Jr. Ch. d'affaires ad.	2570	July 27	Tariff Revision. Petition of Shanghai Chamber of Commerce to Dip. Corps asking that if duties are increased, all likin or internal taxes on imported goods be abolished, encl'd.	9/15.
	2571	" 31	Telegraph rates from China to Europe changed from $2 Mex. to seven francs per word.	9/15.
Charles Denby, Esq. M.P.	2571 Tel	Aug 10.	Return to post reported. Arrival at Chefoo and resumption of duties on Aug 1; accident to himself and wife	9/28.
		" 11	Visit of Li Hung Chang to the U.S. "Yamen informs Li Hung Chang is the bearer of letter Emperor of China to the Presid. of the U.S. will advise the date of arrival from London.	9/11
	2572	" 11	Confirms above.	9/28.
	2573	" 11	Telegraph rates. Convention referred to in No 2571 was signed and went into effect Aug 1.	9/28.
	2574	" 11	No 1290 acknd.	9/28.
	2575	" 11	Supplies referred to in Desp. 1288 have been recd.	9/28.
	2576	" 13	Claim of the American Trading Co. Note transmitting the, according to Desp. 1289, rec'd.	9/28.
	2577	" 13	Collisions at Sea. Note asking adhesion of China to the Rules for the prevention of, Rec'd.	9/28.
	2578	" 13	Missionary trouble at Kiyang Yin. Sentence on one of the rioters, Tsoang. Request of the missionaries that it be revised, his guilt being doubted, has been denied by Tsung li Yamen	9/28.
	2579	" 20	Claims of Missionaries. That referred to in Des. 1301 as still pending is the claim of the Am. Baptist Missionary Union and has since been settled.	9/28.
	2580	" 20	Chefoo. Temporary recognition of John Fowler as Consul at, has been asked, Text of Sep's tel	9/28
	2581	" 21	No 1293 to 1301 acknd.	9/28.
	2582	" 22	Passport irregularities will be corrected and avoided in the future. Reply to 1299.	10/6.
	2583	" 22	Same subject. Explanation concerning the case of Archibald McLean. Rep. to 1300.	10/6.
	2584	" 24	Account for Contingent Expenses, March Quarter 1896. Furnishes explanations called for in No 1294	10/6.
	2585	" 27	Ports. Opening of, under the treaty of Shimonoseki. Soochow and Hangchow will be opened to trade Sept 26; Shashih & Chungking as soon as Customs Service is organized.	10/6.
	2586	" 28	Claim of the American Trading Co. Yamen denies liability on the ground of war necessities; legation disputes the ground taken by China. Notes encl'd. Refers to 2576.	10/14.
	2587	" 29	Tariff Revision in China. Discusses the question of, and terms on which Treaty powers would agree to it. Advocates the suppression of likin or internal taxes on foreign goods as a price for increased duties.	10/14.
	2588	" 29	Chefoo. Recognition has been granted to Consul Fowler at.	10/14.
	2589	" 29	Chung king. Application has been made for the recognition of Smithers as Consul at. Sept to 1284's tel.	10/14.
	2590	Sept 2	Telegraph rates from China to Europe. Discusses the recent increase of, and reasons alleged by Tel. Cos.	10/14.
	2591	" 2	Railway, Transsiberian, to run through Manchuria. Evidence that the, furnished by assistance rendered to Russian surveyors in China;	10/14.
	2592	" 3	No 1302 to 1304 acknd.	10/14.
	2594	" 3	Lease of a house at Soochow by H. W. Lambuth. The Chinese lessors were punished and the house closed by the Taotai, on the ground that the port had not yet been opened to foreign trade, but after discussion with Consul Gen. Taotai reversed his position and recognized the right of foreigners to lease even out of the concession.	10/14.
	2593.	" 3	Tax on cotton and silk goods manufactured by machinery, proposed by the Tsung li Yamen. Shanghai Chamber of Commerce protests against the proposition; discusses the question and asks instructions. Refers to encl'd	10/24.
	2595	" 3	Locomotives for Chinese Railways. Bid of American firm was the lowest, but an attempt, against which the legation has protested, was made to call for other proposals. Enc's note to the Yamen.	10/24.
	2596	" 7	Certificates for exempt Chinese from Canton are to be signed by the prefect of that place. Corresp. encl'd.	10/24
	2597	" 10	Tea Trade with Tibet. Newspaper clipping rel. to, encl'd.	10/24.
	2598	" 10	Missionary trouble in Hunan. Refers to No 2549 and enc's note from the Yamen showing that proper action has been taken and adequate satisfaction given.	10/24.
	2599	" 16	No 1305 to 1310 acknd.	10/24.
	2600	" 16	Newchwang. Report of events at, rec'd from Vice Consul Bondniel. Substance given.	10/24.
	2601	" 18	No 1311 to 1319 acknd.	10/24.
	2602	" 18	Missionary Right to purchase land under the Berthemy Convention. Missionaries fear that the Chinese text means that deeds are to be in the name of the local church, and therefore exclude protestant missions; this interpretation is not accepted by the legation and the Missionaries suggestion to submit the question in anticipation of any specific case to the Yamen is not adopted	10/24.
	2603	" 21	Locomotives. Contract for, referred to in No 2595 has been awarded to the Baldwin Works.	10/31.
	2604	" 21	Riots in China. Representation against frequency of, has been made in Enc'd note, as per Des. 1312. A draft of suggestions in regard to measures to be taken is in course of preparation and will be submitted to the dep.	10/21.

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Charles Denby, Esq.	C 605	Sept 24	Missionaries right to purchase land. Several cases in Canton Consular district have been satisfactorily settled. Letter from Consul Read.	11/24
	2606	" 25	Riots in China. Draft of the note referred to in #2604 enc'd for the Min's approval	11/14
	2607	" 25	Currency report. Reply to Circ.	10/31
	2608	" 29	War Ships at Tientsin during the winter. Enc's his letter to Adm. McClair on the advisability of a	11/14
	2609	" 30	#1320 to 1328 acknd.	11/14
	C 2610	Oct 3	Riots of China. Reply of Yamen to preliminary note in #2604 enc'd. It is conciliatory and satisfactory	11/14
	2611	" 3	Civil Service Publications. There is no annual report in China. But the rules for examination have been applied for and will be forwarded if desired.	11/14
	C 2612	" 5	Claim of the American Trading Co. Yamen takes the strong ground that the exportation of beans from Newchwang was not allowed even in time of peace. Enc's note and letter to Con. Gen	11/30.
	C 2613	" 13	Consul's right to attend the revision of the case of Soiang, reported in #2578, is denied on the ground that it is one of violation of the Chinese laws in which Americans are not concerned. Discusses the question and treaty stipulations bearing upon it, and doubts whether the point can be insisted on	11/30
	C 2614	" 18	Tariff Revision and taxation of manufactures in China. Refers to #2593 and encs second memorial of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, asking concessions in return for an increase of tariff; the Rep. Corps decides to take no action, and Japanese Min for stated reasons will act alone. Discusses at length the two questions as affecting the interests of foreign powers.	11/30
	C 2615	" 19	Trade Regulations of the Yangtze River. Enc's note pointing out hardships worked by the, an Steamship Companies, and requesting a revision of the same.	11/28
	C 2616	" 20	Taxation of goods manufactured by foreigners in China. Japan has formally renounced the clause of the treaty which placed her subjects on the same footing as natives in regard to such taxation. Remarks in #2587 and 2593 are thereby modified.	11/30
	C 2617	" 22	Foochow Difficulty between Acting Consul at and Likin authorities on a question of collecting that tax in the city proper. Mr Hixson advised merchants to allow the goods to be seized; Min. directed payment under protest, and will send Consul General to look into the matter. Delay in securing recognition of Acting Consul reported. Enc's Tels.	11/30.
	C 2618	" 24	Same subject. In reply to Dep's tel. inquiry as to objections of Chinese Govt, reports that no specific charge is made, but that there has been mutual recriminations of discourtesy on both parts and a complaint that Mr Hixson is making himself objectionable on the likin question.	11/30.
	2619	" 26	Visit of Li Hung Chang to the Nd. Reports conversation with Li rel. to; he has been appointed a member of the Tsung li Yamen, and turned over to the Board of Punishm't for entering the Summer Palace	11/30
	2620	" 27	Railway building in China. Appointment of Sheng Hsuan huai as manager, and proposed routes to be built. Report of.	11/30
	2621	" 27	Civil Service. Rules for literary examination have been rec'd and will be forwarded if desired	12/5.
	2622	" 28	Passports not required, but useful, in China. No law as to foreigners except that contained in treaties. Rules	12/5
	C 2623	" 29	Claim of the American Trading Co. On ascertaining that the exportation of beans had been allowed from Newchwang for several years, the, had again been pressed. Note enc'd. Refers to #2612	12/5
	2624	" 29	Text of Dep's tel. of Oct 28.	12/5
	2625	" 30	War Vessels for China. Argument of Commander Barker in favor of their being ordered and built in the Nd. Enc'd. It was given to the Yamen by the legation	12/5
	C 2626	" 31	Treaty of Commerce between Japan & China. Text of the, enc'd & discussed	12/5.
	2627	" 31	Punishment of Li Hung Chang for entering the Summer Palace has been fixed at one year's salary as Grand Secretary, this however is but a small sum; comments on the incident	12/5.
Tel	Nov	2	Riot at Kutien. "Will obey telegram unless reinstructed. I have to suggest you await my despatch No 2606 and treat the whole matter together."	11/2
	2628	" 3	Same subject. Text of Tel's rec'd and sent.	12/5.
	C 2629	" 3	Consular Jurisdiction. In view of a question raised at Tientsin, proposes to issue a decree by which an American wanted in one Consular district in China may be arrested in any other Consular district for trial at the court which has jurisdiction in the case. Enc's letter to Consul Read	12/5
	2629B	" 3	#1334 and 1335 acknd	12/5.
	C 2630	" 3	Russia and China Treaty between, granting valuable concessions to the former. Enc's text of. as published by the North China Daily News.	12/5.
	C 2631	" 4	Same subject. The above is denied by the Yamen, but the impression prevails that concessions have been or will be granted.	12/5.

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Charles Denby, Esq. U.S.	c2632	Nov. 5	Business outlook for American enterprise in China. Gives a promising sketch and recites efforts already made by Americans to secure a lasting and profitable field of operations.	12/16
	2633	" 6	Text of Treaty of Nov. 3.	12/16.
	2634	" 9	#1336 to 1341 acks	12/28
	2635	" 11	Canton: Vice Consul at, Reports applying for & obtaining recognition of Alfred Alt as,	12/28
	c2636	" 11	Protection of aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens of the U.S.: Reports refusal of two applications from such persons, but states, according to Section 175, Wharton's Digest, that should occasion arise in which his interference in favor of such person seems proper, tested by humanitarian considerations, he would hold himself authorized to assist such person unless otherwise instructed.	12/28
	2637	" 13	Shanghai: Foreign concessions at, Enc's note from Tsungli Yamen in answer to his enc. in his #2497.	12/28
	Tel	" 13	Tariff of China: To increase tariff injurious. Margins of profits on imports small. As condition of increase likin and transit duties should be abolished; goods should go throughout China free of duty except import duties. Subject discussed despatch eighteenth ultimo."	
	c2638	" 13	Same subject. Confirms above telegram & Carter's tel. of 11th inst.	12/28
	c2639	" 14	Missionary trouble at Lan Mo, Hunan: Refers to his #2549 & encs letter from W.H. Lingle reporting the satisfactory settlement of, & his entire satisfaction at the redress which has been afforded & at the guarantees for the future.	12/28
	c2640	" 16	Tariff of China: Refers to his tels of 13 inst & #2614 & reports having seen Li Hung Chang's "Memo" on the tariff change, which has not changed his views. The effort of China is to collect on imports twice as much money in silver as she now collects. Does not approve of proposal unless China will grant certain concessions allowing imported goods to go anywhere in China free of local taxation.	12/28
	2641	" 16	Sewing Exhibition in New York: Encs note from the Yamen stating there are no sewing schools in China & no exhibits can be sent.	12/28
	2642	" 19	Riots in China: Kutien riot: Acks Carter's tel of 17 inst. which will be at once complied with.	12/28
	2643	" 19	#1342 to #1347 acks	12/28
	2643B	" 21	Legation: Janitor and gate keeper: defines the various and distinct duties of; approval of agent to Repair Vouchers will hereafter be secured as instructed in #1346.	1/4.
	c2644	" 23	Foreign Settlements at Shanghai: Refusal of the Yamen to extend the areas of, is not accepted as final by the Dip. Corps. Enc's note written by him on the subject as Decan	1/4.
	c2645	" 24	Riots at Kutien: Punishment of guilty officials and indemnity for Miss Hartford have been demanded as instructed by cable. Enc's note and remarks that Gt Britain has not presented any claim.	1/4.
	2646	" 24	Trade Regulations of the Yangtze River: Full particulars of changes desired have been asked of Senior Consul at Shanghai at the request of the Yamen. Refers to #2625.	1/13.
	c2647	" 24	Foot binding in China: Memorial against the practice presented to the Yamen through the legation. Enc's note and reply stating that the practice is established by usage and not compulsory	1/4.
	c2648	" 25	Foreign Trade in China: Committee appointed by the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce to inquire into the conditions of; foreign representatives had declined to act in the matter. Letter encl	1/4.
	c2649	" 26	Taxation of Japanese Manufactures in China: Japan relinquishes the claim that the Art. 6 of treaty of Shimonoseki prohibits the, and obtains in return concessions in open ports. Protocol encl	1/4.
	c2650	" 27	Registration of Americans in China: Urges that it be made compulsory.	1/4.
	—	" 27	Publication Customs Gazette transmitted.	1/4.
	c—	" 24	Tariff Revision in China: Interview with Li Hung Chang's private Secretary on the subject related. Views of Mr Denby in the matter are expounded to the S.S.	1/5.
	2651	" 30	Navigation obstructed by Sunken Vessels: Enc's note to Yamen expressing disapproval of the Rules suggested for the removal of wrecks. Refers to #2548 and Des. 1318.	1/13.
	c2652	" 30	Riot at Kutien: Yamen refuses further punishment of delinquent officials but will pay indemnity to Miss Hartford. Note encl.	1/13.
	2653	" 30	Minister of China to the U.S. Appointment of Wu Ting fang as, and of ministers to other countries reported. Present Min. at Washington goes to Russia	1/13.
	c2654	Dec 2	Foochow: Difficulties between V. Con. and local authorities over questions of likin taxes have been satisfactorily settled as regards likin matters; Enc's Consul's report and discusses the same as to delimitation of port and establishment of foreign boards.	1/13.
	2655	" 2	#1348 to 1350 and Circ. Ins. of Oct 20 acks.	1/13.
	c2656	" 4	Legation: Purchase of premises for: No other building to be bought than that now leased by the U.S. but ground could be bought and buildings erected at comparatively small cost	1/13.
	c2657	" 5	Claim of the American Trading Co: Enc's note from the Yamen asserting that the Chinese Customs do not clear vessels and are not responsible: also his reply asking whether China relinquishes control of clearances and will accept an investigation of the claim by a Commission	1/13.

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Charles Denby, E&MP 2658	Dec. 7	Registration of Americans in China. Refers to Mr 2650 and points to Brit law on the registration of Brit Subjects.	1/13.
2659	" 12	Assault on an American traveler McElrath at Ta Li Fu. Soldiers who had struck and hurt his ponies with a stick have been punished and McE. continued his journey. Note from the Yamen Enc'd	1/25.
2660	" 15	Claim of Miss Hartford, for injuries at Kutien riot has been ordered paid to V. Con. at Foochow.	1/30.
2661	" 16	Riot apprehended at Hsü Chow. Steps to prevent a have been asked by Legation and taken by Yamen	1/30.
2662	" 17	Salaries of foreign representatives at Peking. Statement of, given	2/12.
Tels	" 17	Collisions at Sea. Collisions rules adopted.	1/17
2663	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above, and recites his repeated efforts to have China adopt the rules	1/12.
2664	" 21	Riot, anticipated, at Hsü Chow, over trouble with Missionaries. Enc's note from the Yamen to the effect that measures have been ordered to prevent disturbances.	1/12.
2665	" 23	Collisions at Sea. Note from the Yamen declaring adoption of new rules as regards men of war and vessels of foreign type Enc'd. Asks whether he should endeavor to have native junks also brought under the operation of the rules.	1/12.
2666	" 30	1356 to 1361 and Circ of Dec 9 asked.	1/20.
2667	" 31	Postal Congress at Washington. Enc's note inviting China to send delegates to the, even though she may not yet have become a party to the Universal Union.	1/20.
2668	Jan. 1897 2	Postal system of China as at present conducted; features and inconveniences of the Tariff of China. Proposal to collect duties in gold has already been discussed in Mr 2640; points out that China is always looking to the US. to help her out of difficulties and never makes any return; advises to await report of Committee of Merchants. Refs to 1357	1/20.
2669	" 2	Catholics and Baptists. Conflict between Refers to Mr 2544, Enc's proclamation of the magistrate issued in Nov last, which however failed to put an end to the trouble as appears from Enc'd letter of Rev. McGibbon; Enc's note asking orders to suspend apprehended prosecutions of protestants	1/20
2670	" 4	Taxation of goods manufactured by foreigners in China. Enc's report of the sub Committee of the Chamber of Commerce as regards Cotton goods; discusses its various suggestions which apparently only look to the interests of manufacturers in China, and expresses his opinion that manufacturing interests in China should not be fostered by the US Refs to Mr 2644	1/20.
2671	" 10	Fostering of American interests in China. Reports interview with the Yamen in which he urged a strong plea in behalf of the American China Development Co, and its being granted the contract for the building of railroads.	2/26
2672	" 13	Resources of Yunnan province. Enc's letter from correspondent of the "Inter Ocean" commenting on the mineral wealth of the interior of China.	2/26.
2673	" 15	Postal Congress at Washington. China will send delegates Note Enc'd.	3/17
2674	" 22	Mr 1362 to 1367 asked.	3/24.
2675	" 22	Civil Service rules of China will be forwarded in March. Refs to 1367.	3/24.
2676	" 29	Railroad building in China. Enc's memorial of Viceroy General Cheng Kuan Yuai recommending the formation of a general company and the employment of American constructors.	3/24.
2677	Feb.	30 1368 to 1372 asked	3/27
2678	Feb. 3	Missionary right to engage in industrial or other works is not provided for in any treaty, but has always been tolerated and may grow into a right from usage. Enc's inquiry of Rev. WW Simpson	3/27
2679	"	5 1373 and Circ of Dec 10 asked	3/27
2680	" 8	Resignation tendered to take effect at the pleasure of the Pres't	3/27
2681	" 9	Opening to trade of the West River in Southwestern China has been secured by Brit Min. discusses the advantages to be derived by such opening.	3/27
2682	" 9	Land claim of Rev. N.C. Collins to property at Ichang. The title of the seller being extremely doubtful, legation declines to take action. Enc's letter to Consul at Hankow.	3/27
2683	" 10	Opening to trade of the West River. Refers to Mr 2681 and gives substance of the convention signed by China and Brit Min on Feb 4.	3/27
2684	" 10	Postal Congress at Washington. A delegate will be appointed to act in conjunction with Ch. Min.	3/27
2685	" 11	Services of J. E. Woodruff in the Chinese Customs Service from 1868 to 1897. Enc's letter from Sir Robert Hart commending the, and asks that Yale University be informed	4/6.
2686	" 12	Postal Service of China. Enc's memorandum of Sir Robert Hart rel. to the organization of the, and its relation to Union Post offices.	4/6.

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Charles Denby, Esq.	2687	Feb. 15	Collisions at Swa. Ref's to 1374; it was anticipated by his D^ 2663 and 2665.	4/6.
	c2688	" 15	Fostering American interests in China. Ref's to 1376, refers to his 2671 and gives an account of the efforts of the American China Development Co. toward securing contract for railroad building	4/6.
	2689	" 15	Tientsin. Charge against Consul Read, in No. 1375, will be investigated.	4/6
	2690	" 15	Anti Christian agitation in the Hok Chiang Civil District. Enc's note to Yamen reciting instances of, and demanding that proper measures be taken to suppress same.	4/6.
	2691	" 16	Visit of a Chinese Student of the Hanlin college to the US. Encloses note from Yamen asking that Li Ting Hsan be allowed to enter and travel safely.	4/6.
	c2692	" 17	Postal Service of China. Local post offices about to be closed ask the Dip. corps to demand a subsidy equivalent to the revenue thus lost to foreign settlement. The request is declined. Enc's correspondence with the Dean of the Consular corps at Chefoo.	4/6.
	c2693	" 19	Confiscation of property of relatives of Chinamen in the US. for offences of the latter connected with the feud between the Chinese societies in San Francisco. Encloses letter from Cons. at Canton, the practice is in accordance with Chinese law for offences committed in China; submits question of interference in the case.	4/19.
	2694	" 19	Missionary trouble at Hsiu Chow fu is at an end and the American Southern Presbyterian Mission is in undisputed possession of the land it required. Refers to 2664. Newspaper clippings Enc'd.	4/19.
	2695	" 22	Anti Christian agitation in the Hok Chiang dist. Enc's note from Yamen promising measures to prevent disturbances. Refers to 2690.	4/19.
	c2696	" 25	Riots. Measures to prevent. Enc's reply of the Yamen to note suggesting, in accordance with Ins. 1368. It declares that all the suggestions made are conceded by treaty and carried into effect, but that punishment of officials as requested is not provided for by the Code except in cases of a very grave nature	4/19.
	2697	Mar 1	(1378 to 1385 acted)	4/19.
	c2698	" 2	Foochow. Delimitations of the open port, in connection with likin taxes. Divergence of views in the Diplomatic and Consular Corps, and among the merchants, suggests the advisability of his personal visit to Foochow. Enc's reports of British Consul and of the Chamber of Commerce at Foochow. Reply to 1384.	4/19.
	c2699	" 3	Audience by the Emperor in the "forbidden City" on Feb 16 reported. Enc's address to and reply of Emp. German Min. in entering neglected to follow the prescribed route and the Insp^r of the Board of Revenue, acting as usher, pulled him by the sleeve, for which apology was demanded and made. Ref's to FR for 1891 p. 381.	4/19.
	2700	" 4	Thanks of Missionaries to Min. Denby for his action in regard to the right of leasing houses. Letter Enc'd	4/19.
	c2701	" 9	Claim of Miss M.C. Hartford for injuries at the Kutien riot has been paid. Enc's her receipt for $1880.00	4/19.
	2702	" 9	(1386 to 1396 and Enc's of Jan 19 and 22 acted)	4/19.
	2703	" 10	Banking facilities in China. Increase of, by the institution of the Russo Chinese and Imperial Banks	4/26.
	c2704	" 11	Land claim of Rev. H. Collins to property at Ichang. Encls synopsis of corresp^ce between Consul and local authority. the Chinese Govt has had possession of the property under confiscation for over 5 years. Instructions requested.	— 4/26
	2705	" 13	Dismissal of magistrate Lin of Kiang Yin, for his conduct in the riot there, has been demanded. Enc's note to the Yamen.	4/26.
	2706	" 11	Anti Christian agitation in the Hok Chiang Dist. The local magistrate treats the matter lightly but has been instructed to take necessary action. Refers to "2695 and Enc's note from Yamen.	4/26.
	2707	" 11	Riot at Kuo Tien. Punishment of officials has been insisted on in Enc'd note. Reply to 1395.	4/26.
	2708	" 12	Civil Service in China. Books referred to in "2675 have been forwarded to the dep	4/26
	2709	" 12	Anniversary (60th) of Queen of England's reign. Chang Yin huan, ex Min to the US. will sail on the 26th on a special mission to bear congratulations and presents	4/26
	2710	" 13	Financial. Revenue of China for the year ended Feb 1897. Statement Enc'd.	4/26
	2711	" 13	Iron and Coal Mines near Hankow and prospects of that city as a railroad center. Enc's and discusses a newspaper article on the subject.	4/26.
	2712	" 15	Railroad building in China. Probability that present plans cannot be carried out without an appeal to foreign funds and management.	4/26.
	2713	" 16	Dismissal of magistrate Lin of Kiang Yin. The Yamen has called for a report from the Governor. Refers to "2705 and Enc's Yamen's note.	4/26.
	2714	" 19	Banking facilities in China. Refers to "2703 and Enc's newspaper article on the Imperial Bank.	4/26.
	2715	" 19	Navigation on the Peiho River. Improvement of, recommended by the Chamber of Commerce and Consular Corps of Tientsin, is advocated in Enc'd collective note to the Yamen	4/26.
	c2716	" 19	Etiquettes at Audiences. Dip. Corps demand the right to leave by the central walk and to enter the palace grounds in chairs. Enc's note of the Dean. Min. as Dean.	4/26

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Charles Denby Esq.	2717	Mar 19	Traveling in China. Enc's letter to Consul at Chungking advising Americans to show their passports when required and to avoid dangerous localities.	4/26
	2718	" 20	Tariff of China. Views of leading American business houses on the proposed collection of duties in gold or its equivalent, as given in answer to an inquiry of the legation. Encs letter of the Standard Oil Co. which would accept the change if offset by the abolition of likin	4/26.
	2719	" 22	1897 and Enc. of Jan 30 ulto)	4/26.
	2720	" 23	Tientsin Charge against Consul Read &c. by O.N. Jenney, seems to be the outcome of J's interference in the case of counterfeiting of the "Indian Head" cotton brand, and the only question is whether Jenney can be considered as having violated Sec. 5335 R.S. Encs correspondence	4/26.
	2721	" 23	Postal Congress of Washington. Encs note giving names of China's delegates to the	4/26.
	2722	" 24	Riots at Wuhsien. Punishment of guilty officials is refused by the Yamen on the ground that the case has been reported to the Emperor as settled, and so accepted by Gt Britain whose subjects suffered more than the Americans. Suggests that less pressure on this point would be conducive to earlier adoption of measures demanded for the prevention of riots in the future.	5/6.
	2723	" 25	Etiquette at audiences. Demands of the dep corps for changes reported in D° 2716 are refused by the Yamen. He is personally of opinion that they should not be insisted on. Encs Yamen's note	5/6.
	2724	" 25	Coinage report is in preparation; no answer can be procured to some of the interrogatories.	5/6.
	2725	" 26	Postal Congress. Encs letter from Inspector Gen of Customs giving names and mission of Ch. delegates	5/6.
	2726	" 29	Grant Monument dedication. Invitation by cable of Mar 27 has been delivered.	5/6.
	2727	" 29	"Hall of Truth" to be erected at Peking by Am. Missionary Gilbert Reid. Encs Yamen's indorsement of the	5/6.
	—	April 1	Publication "Medical Reports" transmitted.	5/17
	2728	" 2	Russia's influence in China is showing its results as against England and Germany and may redound to the advantage of American interests in railroad building and other enterprises.	5/17
	Tel.	" 5	Grant Monument dedication. Chinese Minister directed attend Grant ceremonial; cannot send ship."	4/5.
	2729	" 5	Same subject. Confirms above and Enc's note from Yamen	5/17
	2730	" 8	Tariff of China. Views of Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, as given in Enc'd reports, do not offer positive objection to increase of duties but demands compensations some of which may not be obtained for generations.	5/17
	2731	" 9	Christian Converts. Right of, to participate in Gov't examinations denied in Kiwantung. Enc's note to Yamen protesting against such exclusion as contrary to treaty obligations.	5/17
	2732	" 10	Certificates for Chinese going to the U.S. are issued by the Customs Taotai except at Canton and Foochow where they are issued by the Prefects	5/17
	2733	" 10	Collisions at Sea. Chinese text of rules to prevent, and accompanying note, Enc'd	5/17
	—	" 10	Publications of the Customs Service transd.	5/17
	2734	" 12	Dismissal of magistrate Lin for neglect of duty during Kiating Yen riots. Enc's note announcing the	5/18.
	2735	" 15	Trade of China, foreign and with the U.S. for 1896 and other matters of interest discussed. Encs Customs Returns and Report for 1896.	5/18.
	2736	" 17	Etiquette at audiences. Ministers will retire by the central way, but will not be allowed in their chairs within the Imperial Premises. This compromise temporarily agreed to in Enc'd note.	5/18.
	2737	" 17	Navigation on the Peiho River. Improvements referred to in D° 2715 have been taken into consideration by the Yamen which advises an exchange of views between the Vice Roy at Tientsin and the Consuls.	5/18.
	2738	" 17	Railroad building in China. American engineer and expert engaged in the, by China.	5/18.
	2739	" 19	Collisions at Sea. Rules for the prevention of, may be applied to native junks at a later date.	5/18
	2740	" 22	Foochow. Delimitation of the port, in regard to likin taxes. Enc's note from the Yamen defining the, beyond which all goods native and foreign, must pay likin. It defeats the contention of Brit merchants and Consul has been instructed to obtain from the Collector an extension of the area. Ref to 2498	6/7
	2741	" 26	Christian Converts' claim exemption from paying rates. Yamen suggests that they be excommunicated; legation replies that neither missionaries nor converts are exempt. Noted Enc'd	6/7
	2742	" 27	1402 to 1404 and Encs to Mar 6 ulto)	6/7
	—	May 1	Coinage report has been sent to Director of the Mint.	6/14
	2743	" 8	Newspapers for legation. Washington Post and Dep. and Con. Review requested.	6/19
	2744	" 10	Catholics and Baptists. Conflict between native converts. Trouble referred to in D° 2669 and previous correspondence is again threatening with aggravating circumstances. Encs note to the Yamen demanding that arrangement reached in the summer be carried out	6/21.

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Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	2745	May 10	Navigation of the Peiho River. Improvements referred to in 2737 will soon be commenced. Emo's Proclamation of the Vice Roy of Chili	6/21.
	2746	" 14	1406 to 1411 acknd.	6/21.
	2747	" 17	Arbitration of the Creek claims. Sir Nicholas Hannen has been allowed to act as arbitrator in the fall	6/21.
	2748	" 21	Catholics and Baptists. Conflicts between native converts mitigated: under Art 29 of the Treaty, the Yamen has again been urged to take energetic action, but as the trouble does not involve Americans, instructions from the Dep. will be awaited before sending Conkling to the seat thereof.	7/10.
	2749	" 21	1412 to 1416 and Circs to April 12 acknd.	7/13.
	2750	" 22	Bankruptcy laws. There are none in China.	7/13.
	2751	" 24	Russia and China. Presents from the Czar to the Emp. brought by Prince Ouchtomsky, who is accorded special honors	7/13.
	2752	" 24	Railroad building contract was let to a Belgian syndicate under conditions which could not be accepted by the American Co. A protest has been made against the secret conducting and abrupt ending of negotiations; Yamen declines responsibility in railroad contracts.	7/13.
	2753	" 24	Etiquette. Incidents attending the reception of Austrian Min who insisted upon keeping his guard within the gates of the building, and returned the cards of the Ministers when one, Prince Kung, did not send his. Austrian Min has purchased land for the legation	7/13.
	2754	" 25	Banking Statistics. None published or collected in China.	7/13.
	2755	June 11	Swatow. Resignation of Con. Agt. Streich reported. Recommends that a consulate be established, or that a salaried Vice Consul or Consular Clerk be sent there	7/14.
		" 11	Publication. Customs Gazette forwarded.	7/14
	2756	" 5	1417 to 1425, except 1418 acknd.	7/14.
under Russia in China	2757	" 5	Catholic & Baptists Conflict between native, at Kho. Khoi Yamen will take active measures to prevent trouble. Note encl'd. Refers to 2744.	7/17
	2758	" 5	Passport applications of Missionaries. Suggests that declaration of intention to return, with &c. be dispensed	7/17
	2759	" 7	Foochow. Delimitation of the port of in regard to likin taxes. Encs instruction to Consul urging unity of action and purpose in the matter on the part of Consuls and traders.	7/17
	2760	" 7	Fostering of American trade in China. An interview with the Yamen was secured by the legation for the representative of the Winchester Arms Co.	7/17.
	2761	" 10	Russia and China. Prince Ouchtomsky, though treated as an Amb. by the Chinese officials and the French and Belgian representatives was ignored by the other Ministers upon advice that the Prince was merely a bearer of presents; it is said that Russian Min. will return as Ambassador.	7/17
	2762	" 14	1426 to 1441 acknd.	7/17
	2763	" 18	Filial Piety. Severe punishment inflicted on a Prince for violation of.	7/30.
	2764	" 18	Opening to trade of the West River and the ports of Samshui and Wuchowfu, on June 3d reported.	7/30
	2765	" 19	Counterfeiting machinery. Yamen asks cooperation of foreign representatives to prevent the importation of; such cooperation was already given last year by instn. to U.S. Consuls. Notes Encl'd	7/30
	2766	" 22	Barbarians Epithet applied to foreign books in a proclamation of the Gov. of Shantung. The legation insists that under the treaties the character "I" meaning barbarians should not be applied to foreigners in any public document. Note Enc'd.	7/30.
	2767	" 23	Opening to trade of the West River. Four ports, besides those named in 2764, have been opened to trade but not to residence	8/9
	2768	" 23	Catholics and Baptists. Conflict between natives, in Kho Khoi. Steps have been taken to suppress them. Enc's letter from Missionaries.	8/9
	2769	" 23	Currency of China. Effects of the, discussed in an essay by F.E. Woodruff, which will be sent to the Dep.	8/9.
	2770	" 25	Hospital. Objections of foreign residents to the erection of a, by Missionaries. As the matter may come before the legation as a judicial matter Min Denby declines to express any opinion. Corresp. Encl'd	8/9.
	2771	" 28	Collisions at Sea. Chinese Regulations to prevent, Enc'd.	8/9
	2772	July 2	1443 to 1449 and Circ of May 11 acknd	8/16
	2773	" 8	Financial Condition of China. Synopsis of a report by Brit Con. in Shanghai on the	8/16.
	2774	" 10	Anti foreign riots. Enc's note to Yamen urging the punishment of officials as the best means of preventing.	8/16
	2775	" 12	Passports. Visa of, by local authorities. Yamen requires the; in his reply, Min Denby holds that U.S. passports being issued by the legation, should not be visaed except by the Peking authorities; also points out impracticability of stating in advance route to be followed	8/16.

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Charles Denby. Ch'd'A'r	2776	July 14	Foochow. Delimitation of the port of, in regard to likin. Yamen attempts to make the bridge the line North of which likin can be collected; Mr Denby insists that consultation should be had with Consuls and that the Treaties give free trade as to likin with the city proper. Notes Enc'd.	8/16.
	2777	" 15	1450 to 1455 acted	8/23.
	2778	" 16	Text of Dep't's Tel. of July 22	8/27
c	2779	" 16	Railroads. The Russian line will pass considerably to the North of Tsiensin; a line for the transport of material is contemplated from Newchwang to the North.	8/27
	2780	" 16	Coolies from Northern China to Hawaii. Enc's letter from V. Con. at Newchwang rel. to a final shipment of; Hawaiian Govt is believed to view the importation of Northern coolies with favor.	8/27
c	2781	" 17	Claim of the China and Japan Trading Co. for the seizure and detention of SS "Pathan" during the war has been settled through the U.S. Consul General at Shanghai.	8/27
	2782	" 20	1456 and 1457 acted.	8/27.
c	2783	" 24	Copper as a monetary medium in China. Enc's extract of report of Brit Consul Brenan which places copper above silver, and decree ordering the coinage of copper money.	9/17
c	2784	" 26	Taxation on foreign goods. Enc's reports of Special Committees on, and calls attention to the conclusion that local taxation is as injurious to foreign trade as prohibitory duties, still China insists upon her right and may not relinquish it except on being allowed to collect duties in	9/17
		" 28	Publication of the Customs Gazette forwarded	9/17
c	2785	" 28	Right to buy land and to reside at open ports. Consul Gen. reports proclamation forbidding Chinese to sell to foreigners at Soochow, also that local authorities at the open port of Hangchow offered to foreigners residing there. The questions will have to be treated by the Dip. Corps in a body and may have to be deferred until fall, but Am. Min. has been instructed to protest. Corresp'ce Enc'd	9/17
	2786	" 29	Passports. Applications of children of naturalized citizens. Asks whether the father's certificate of naturalization must be produced. Submits the pending case of C. A. Nelson	9/17
c	2787	" 31	Right to buy land and to reside, seems to grow out of the Japanese recent treaties. Enc's letter to Consul General at Shanghai setting forth this opinion. Ref to 2785.	9/17.
	2788	Aug. 2	Exposition at Omaha. Invitations in Circ. of June 15 has been delivered	9/17.
c	2789	" 5	Right to do business in an open port, is denied by the Yamen, except in the settlement set apart for foreigners. Enc's corresp'ce rel. to the opening of an insurance office by an American at Hangchow presents grounds on which the position of Yamen should be contested, and requests tel. instructions	9/17
Tel.		" 15	Reciprocity Clause." New tariff not rec'd. Does Sec 3. differ Sec 3 bill presented House Mar 15th	8/15.
	2790	" 16	Same Subject. Text of Tels from and to Dep't.	10/6.
c	2791	" 24	Tariff. Revision of the Chinese. Increased revenue will probably sought from further taxation of native opium. No further communication to the Dip. Corps has been made to the Dip. Corps.	10/6
	2792	" 24	Exposition at Omaha. Invitation as for the Nashville &c. will be taken by the Yamen. Note Enc'd	10/6
c	2793	" 30	Foochow. Delimitation of the port of, in regard to likin. Dep. representatives will not oppose the collection of the tax outside of the foreign settlement, and the Consuls have agreed to propose a compromise; under these circumstances, the Con will be instructed not to continue the struggle single handed, although the position of the legation is still believed to be sound	10/6.
c	2794	" 30	Right to do business, discussed in #2789, is not claimed by Japan under her treaty, nor exercised by other powers and will not be insisted on by the legation.	10/6
		" 31	Publication "Customs Gazette" forwarded	10/6.
	2795	Sept 9	1471 to 1474 and Circ's to July 27 acted	10/25.
	2796	" 9	Postal Congress and Collisions at Sea. Acts of the former, and Treaty Circ rel to the latter have been delivered.	10/25
	2797	" 13	1475 to 7476 and Circ of July 29 acted	10/25.
	2798	" 14	Bounties to Exports. None paid by China.	10/25.
	2799	" 14	Counterfeiting Machinery. Substance of Ins'ns 1474 & 1476 has been given to Chinese Gov't	10/25
c	2800	" 15	Consular jurisdiction. Arrest of Americans in one, who are charged with offences in another. Circ's draft issued with the assent of Consuls and under authority of Ins 1397 for submission to Congress as required by R.S.	10/25.
	2801	" 15	Reciprocity Clause of Tariff Act has been communicated to Chinese Gov't	10/25.
	2802	" 15	Shanghai. Recognition has been granted to Conkey Goodnow	10/25.
	2803	" 15	Exposition at Omaha. Invitation in Circ of July 22 has been delivered to Chinese Gov't	10/25

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Charles Denby, C.G. & M.P.	2804	Sept. 18	Tariff of China. Two copies, and "Customs practice" transl'd.	10/20.
	Tel.	" 20	Leave. Secretary Denby asks home leave. I approve."	9/20.
	2805.	" 20	Confirms above.	11/5.
	—	" 20	Postal Savings banks, tel's and telephones. Report called for by Circ. of July 17, transmitted	"/5.
	2806	" 21	Claim of the American Trading Co. Enc's note pressing the.	"/5.
	2807	" 21	Exposition at Omaha. Chinese Min. at Washington will send officers to represent China at the	"/5.
	2808	" 23	Text of Dep't's tel. of Sept 20.	"/5.
	2809	" 24	Secretary Denby for left on leave this day for the U.S.	"/5.
	2810	" 27	1477 to 1484 and Circ to Aug 16 asckd.	"/5.
	2811	Oct. 2	Claim of the American Trading Co: Yamen again refuses to pay it. Note encl'd. States facts which have operated against it. Satisfied that it is useless to prosecute it further.	11/12
	2812	" 7	Food and drinks adulterated. The matter is only dealt with in local proclamations which are not obtainable.	11/13.
	2813	" 9	Consular Service of China. Information as to, is refused by the Yamen. Transmits such as he has been able to gather.	11/23.
	C 2814	" 10	Loan. Failure of the Hooley Jamison Syndicate to secure the, for £16,000,000. Reasons of the given	
	—		Railroad and other contracts with China. Makes suggestions for the proper way by which American contractors, who would naturally be favored, could secure important contracts.	12/4.
	C 815	" 22	Railroads and inland taxation in China. Discusses a memorial of late Com'r of Customs R. E. Bredon on the subject.	12/4.
	2816	" 27	Missionaries' title to property in the interior. Enc's letter to Consul at Amoy deprecating any agitation of the question, until made necessary by some specific case	12/10.
	C 2817	" 28	Mints in the various provinces are coining money of different values, and the new coins find little favor with the people.	12/10.
	C 2818	Nov. 1	Interference of Missionaries in trials of natives. Reports the case of Rev. McCandis who demanded the release of a friendly native and Enc's letter to Con at Canton disapproving of such interference	12/10.
	2819	" 1	Trade Regulations of the Yangtze River. Enc's text of revised regulations adopted and submitted to the Yamen by the Rep. Corps.	12/10
	2820	" 4	1491 to 1495 ackd.	12/10.
	2821	" 5	Commercial Congress at Philadelphia in June 1898. Enc's note to Yamen inviting them to send delegates at the instance of the Philadelphia Museum.	12/10.
	2822	" 5	Fishery Congress at Tampa. Invitation in Ins. 1492 has been extended	12/10.
	2823	" 12	Missionaries in China. Consular Reports on, such as that in Ins. 1496, will be of great use to the Legation	12/22
Charles Page Bryan, E.E. & M.P.	—	" 18	Oath of Office enc'd. Born in Chicago 2 Oct. 1855.	11/20
Charles Denby, E.E. & M.P.	C Tel	" 18	Occupation of Chia Chou by Germany on account of massacre of two missionaries reported.	12/18
	2824	" 18	Same subject: Confirms above telegram + gives particulars of the event + its causes.	12/29
	2825	" 19	Successor: Requests to be notified of the time when his successor will arrive at Peking, also as to number of days transit allowed him to reach his home.	12/29
	C 2826	" 19	Occupation of Chia Chou by Germany: Refers to his #2824 + gives further details. It is possible that Russia may intervene - Situation is critical. Chinese without spirit.	12/29
	2827	" 22	#1497-#1499 ackd	12/29
	C 2828	" 23	Occupation of Kiao Chou by Germany: Gives the seven demands made by the German govt on China as condition of evacuation. Demands now under consideration by Yamen - Not yet acceded to. Comments on the effects of the move.	12/29
	2829	" 23	Superstition of Chinese that an eclipse of the sun portends disaster. Emperor is filled with forebodings as to effects of coming eclipse: Enc's newspaper clipping -	12/29
Charles Page Bryan, Charles Denby, E.E. & M.P.	—	" 24	#1 asked. Letter of credit returned. Will call at the Dep. on Dec 2	11/27
	C 2830	" 25	Pulp wood. Export duty one would be 5% if exported, under general tariff.	1/7
	C 2831	" 29	Occupation of Kiao Chou by Germany. Yamen will not treat until after evacuation and Germany is strengthening her naval forces. Enc's article of the North China Daily News giving present situation and reproducing article of the Cassini Convention by which Russia was given the option on Kiaochou Bay.	1/7
	2832	" 30	Commercial Congress at Philadelphia. China will send delegates and give every assistance to the agent of the Philad. Museum. Note encl'd. Ref to 2821.	1/7

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Charles Denby, E & M.P.	2833	Nov. 30	Fishery Congress at Saratoga. Minister at Washington has been instructed to take proper action. Note Encld.	1/7
	2834	Dec. 3	Mail service of Peking during winter months will be done by small steamer to Shanhaikwan. Enc's member notice.	1/24.
	2835	"	4th 1500 to 1502 acknd.	1/24.
C 2836		" 6	Occupation by Germany of Kiao Chow. Enc's German admiral's proclamation and account of it, as translated from a German newspaper.	1/24.
		" 6	Publication. Customs Gazette forwarded	1/24.
C 2837		" 8	Liability of Chinese share holders of the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits was not admitted by the Tsungli Yamen and Denby, Am. Min. and as the decision does not affect the general question of responsibility for written contracts the Dep. Corps declined to interfere.	1/31
2838		" 8	Shanghai. Extensions of. Before urging the, before the Yamen, the Dip. Corps believes that the Consul should exert themselves with the local authorities.	1/31
2839		" 8	Municipal Government for Amoy with powers of taxation over all residents. Same reply as the above	1/31.
Tel.		" 9	Occupation by Germany of Kiao Chow "German Missionary settled. Kiao Chow occupation insisted."	12/9.
2840		" 10	Same subject: Confirms above.	1/24
C 2841		" 10	Same subject. Account of the murder of German missionaries and current comments on German's action.	1/24.
C 2842		" 11	Same subject. Partition of China foreshadowed by present events would meet with no resistance from the unpatriotic and irreligious people of China; it might lead to war among European powers and injuriously affect trade in China.	1/24.
2843		" 11	Same subject. Description of Kiao Chow as printed in the North China News. Encld	1/24.
2844		" 15th	1503 and 1504 acknd	1/31
C 2845		" 16	German Right of residence in, recognized by proclamation of the Vice Roy extending protection to Missionary Brown; resources of the province described.	1/31.
C 2846		" 18	Occupation of Kiao Chow by Germany. Satisfaction has been given by China by removing the Governor of Shantung and by promising German contractors the preference in Railroad and Mining; the question of Kiao Chow's occupation is still pending.	1/31
2847		" 23	Chefoo. Salary of Consul at, is insufficient; gives reasons and recommends an increase	2/8
C 2848		" 27	Occupation of Kiao Chow by Germany. Enc's article from the North China News et to the British sentiment as therein expressed is rather in favor of the, and is chiefly apprehensive of Russia's movements at Port Arthur.	2/8
2849		" 28th	1505 to 1508 acknd.	2/8.
2850		" 31	Murder of German Missionaries in Shantung. Enc's account of the, in the N. China News	2/19
2851		31	Postal Money Orders, internal in China. Enc's regulations for the issuance of	2/19
Tel		1898 Jan. 6	Occupation of Kiao Chow by Germany. "China agrees Germany may hold Kiao Chow 50 years	1/6
C 2852		" 6	Confirms above	2/28
2853		" 8th	1509 to 1512 acknd.	2/28
2854		" 10	Recall. Adv's 1512; will await successor's arrival as requested	2/28
2855		" 17	Loan Negotiations. G't Britain demands in return for guarantee of 100,000,000 taels right to build railways in Yunnan and opening of three ports to commerce: description of ports given.	3/7
2856		" 17th	1513 and 1514 acknd.	3/7
C 2857		" 18	Occupation of Kiao Chow by Germany. Incloses decree ordering punishment of Vice Roy and officials responsible for the murder of two German missionaries	2/7
C 2858		" 31	Russia and England. Antagonism between, in China, as evidenced by Russian opposition to loan proposal from Great Britain, may lead to open rupture. While adhering to policy of non-interference believes that U.S. should maintain its rights in China.	3/19
2859		" 31	Death of Consul Jones at Chinkiang. Enc's circ. to Consuls in China prescribing signs of mourning	3/19
2860		Feb. 3rd	1517 to 1523 acknd	3/19
2861		" 4	Anti-foreign riots in Shantung. Punishment of officials for the; Decree cited	3/19
C 2862		" 5	Patents in China. There is no patent office and rights of patentees cannot be protected in U.S. Consular Courts. Enc's letter to an inquirer on the subject	3/19
2863		" 6	Commercial Congress at Philadelphia. Enc's note to Yamen making it plain that the movement is in no wise under the responsibility of the Govt	3/28

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China				
Charles Denby E.E.&M.P.	2864	Feb. 14	Human: Right of residence in, Refers to his #2854 5+ encls paper describing this town.	4/4
	2865	" 14	Indemnity paid to France by China for seizure by brigands on frontier ten yrs ago of a French man nearly three years ago, reported instance of treatment of China now by European powers.	4/4
	2866	" 14	Kiao-chou: Commercial future of, Railroads, miners, factories, projected with that place as a base.	4/4
	2867	" 14	Loans to pay Japanese indemnity proposed by both England + Russia have been rejected by China. Reasons for the rejection stated. Important for U.S. interests that China preserve her autonomy.	4/4
	c2868	" 15	Transit Passes: Mdse. sent to the interior under, may not be sold wholly or in part before reaching destination. Encls note fr. Yamen giving details of new regulations.	3/28
	2869	" 17	Commercial Congress at Philadelphia. Relation of the Govt to the, is thoroughly understood by China. Encls note from Tsung li Yamen Refers to #2863. Chinese Min instructed to appt delegates.	4/28.
	2870	" 17	New Year's Audience. Text of address to the Emperor and reply encld	4/28.
	2871	" 19	Death of Mrs McKinley. Encls note conveying thanks of the Presdt for sympathy in the	4/28.
	2872	" 19	#152 and 1528 asked.	4/28.
	Tel	" 19	Naturalized Chinese Yung Wing seeking Railroad Concession fr. Tientsin to Chinkiang. Reports that Germany objects to the granting of the Concession and asks whether he should intervene under most favored nation clause.	4/19
	2873	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above tel.	4/28.
	c2874	" 19	Loan, national, of 100,000,000 taels. Encls decree calling for: success doubted for stated reasons	4/28.
	c2875	" 21	German privileges claimed under the recent agreement include first choice for railroad and mining concessions in the Shantung province. Quotes Art 6, refers to his tel. of Feb 19, and believes that Russia will set up similar claims in Manchuria.	4/28.
	2876	" 21	Text of Dep's tel. of Feb. 17.	4/28
	2877	" 23	Depreciation of money in China. Petition of Customs foreign employés for increased salary on account of the. Encld	4/28.
	2878	" 26	Missionaries. Danger would attend their going to Chuang Tsi Jing. Encls note of warning from Tsungli Yamen and instn to Consul advising missionary not to go for the present	4/4.
	2879	" 26	Steam Navigation in the Interior. Regulations permitting, are in preparation.	4/4.
	2880	" 28	Naturalized Chinese Yung Wing exhibited certificate issued in 1852, passports granted since by the Dep. He claims that there cannot now repudiate him and avers that if he were given the railroad concession he would favor Americans for the work. Refers to tel. of Feb. 19.	4/4.
	c2881	Mar 7	Loan negotiated with English and German banks for £16,000,000 at 4½%. China agrees to open Yochow within two years, to permit interior Steam navigation, and promises not to cede territory in the Yangtse Valley.	4/28.
	Tel	" 7	Russia demands the cession of Port Arthur and Talienwan. Japan protests and declares she will hold Wei Hai Wei.	3/7
	c2882	" 8	Same subject. Confirms above, adverts to possible consequences from this partition of China and advises protest by the U.S. against this dismemberment, by which the hands of Gt Britain and Japan would be strengthened	4/28.
	2883	" 8	Text of tel. to the Dep of Mar 7.	4/28.
	c2884	" 9	Germany and China. Memorial presented by the Tsung li Yamen on the questions between, constitutes an abject surrender to most of Germany's demand.	4/28.
	2885	" 10	Chefoo. Municipal Govt for, is opposed by the German Consul there; as he is the only one, ulterior designs of Germany on Chefoo, are apprehended	4/28.
	2886	" 12	Summer residence will be transferred to successor when he arrives, altho' rent may be raised	4/28.
	2887	" 12	Repairs to legation. Drafts for, advised.	4/28.
	2888	" 17	Riot at Kiang yeh. Refers to #2878 and encls tels from and to Consul at Chungking rel to protection and redress to be demanded	4/28.
	c2889	" 19	European Powers and U.S. in China. Gives a brief account of Germany's exactions. of Russia's treachery, of England's inaction and probable demands in the future, and deplores that the U.S. should not have concerted with China and Gt Britain to stop the piecemeal rob of China	4/28.
	c2890	" 21	Citizenship of illegitimate children of american citizens. Legation has advised Consul at Amoy that such children are not U.S. citizens under the law.	5/5.
	2891	" 21	First Secretary Herbert G. Squiers arrived Mar 19.	5/5.
	c2892	" 21	France and China. Demands of France for exclusive concessions recited; France is concentrating Warships and mobilizing troops in Tonkin.	5/5.

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Charles Denby, Ch'd'A.	c2893	March 4	Riot at Hsiang-peh-Ting. Reparations demanded of and acceded to the Tsung li Yamen. Gives terms of. Refers to "2888.	5/5.
	2894	" 25	Claims of Brit. Citizens at Hai-tan. Referring to "13 from Chefoo, asserts that the legation was never asked to present any of the; Encs his letter to the Consul	5/5.
	2895	" 29	Publication of the Imperial Customs Service transmitted.	5/5.
	2896	" 29	Same subject. Trade and Reports forwarded	5/5.
	c2897	" 29	Russia and China. Lease to the former by the latter of Port Arthur and Talien wan. Gives principal features of the; comments on the non-action of Gt Britain and points out the mistake of Lord Salisbury in saying that there was no difference between a treaty and an open port. Shows that in the latter extraterritoriality will not obtain and that the cessionary power will exercise jurisdiction.	5/5.
Herbert G Squiers, 1st Secy Charles Denby, Ch'd'A.	"	" 29	Arrival at post on Mar 19 reported. two days more than time allowed have been consumed	4/16.
	c2898.	" 31	Barbarous. Epithet applied to foreigners by the Gov of Shan-Tung. The Gov. Li-Ping-Heng has already been punished with severity as reported in "2857 for the murder of German missionaries. Asks whether further action is to be taken on this, 1540.	
	"	"	Consular despatches on dip. or political questions. Suggests that they be forw'd through legation.	4/16.
	2899	" 31	Military Surgions. Meeting of. Invitation to the has been extended as instd in Desp. of Feb 14.	5/16.
	2900	April 1	"1521 to 1543 and Desp. of Feb 14 acknd.	5/16.
	c2901	" 1	Partition of China among England, Russia, France, Germany and Japan. Indications of a forthcoming perceptible by pending events and likely to occur at any time.	5/16.
	2901½	" 2	Riot at Hsiang Pei Ting. Enc's correspondence with Yamen urging mention of reparations which are delayed by local authorities	5/16.
	2902	" 3	Publications Customs and Trade Returns forwarded and discussed	5/16.
	c2903	" 3	Ports open to foreign trade. Enc's Yamen's note giving notice of, and gives a brief description of Yo-chow, San-tu-ao and Ching Wang tao, the three: refers to 2881.	5/16.
	2904	" 4	Russia and China. Relations of, and the Cassini Convention discussed in Enc'd article of the "North China News."	5/16.
	2905	" 5	Railroad Contracts. Enc's Senator Washburn states that for the road from Hankow to Canton and the China Development Co. (Am'n) may be given that from Hankow to Pekin.	5/16.
	2906	" 5	Publication Customs Gazette for Oct-Dec. forwarded	5/16.
	c2907	" 5	Cession of Wei Hai Wei to Gt Britain by China with the consent of Japan. Discusses the, which may give the signal for a general partition or for war.	5/16.
H G Squiers, Secy Edwin H Conger, Ch'd'A	"	" 8	Furniture for Sec'y's residence. Allowance of $500 requested; inventory Enclosed	5/28
	"	" 8	Land jobbing at Shanghai will be investigated as directed in Desp of Mar 31.	4/14
	"	" 11	Oath of office Enc'd. will depart for the West on the 20th	4/13.
Charles Denby, Ch'd'A.	c2908	" 7	Citizenship of a Chinese born in the U.S. Presents the question whether he is to be considered a citizen and in the case of the murder of Wong Goni Sing, one of that class, whether a claim can be pressed in behalf of his brother, also born in U.S. Enc's corresp'ce with Consul at Canton and petition of Wong Fook.	5/23
	2909	" 8	Military Surgions. Meeting of. Invitation declined by China. Note Enc'd	5/23
	2910	" 13	Legation Premises. have been conveyed to him by the owners. Enc's copy of deed, which is subject to the new lease that was to be executed by the Desp	5/28
	2911	" 13	Navigation on the Pei Ho River. Improvement of the. Enc's schedule of wharf dues for the, which being acceptable to all concerned, and has been approved by the legation of the U.S. Refers to corresp'ce in Oct. 1885 and Dec. 1885 as sustaining his action.	5/23
	2912	" 15	Cession of Wei Hai Wei estops Great Britain from opposing any further partition of China. Enc's article from the North China News.	5/23
	2913	" 15	Occupation of Port Arthur by Russia. Enc's Proclamation of the Russian admiral, and discusses its effects.	5/23
	2914	" 18	Right of war vessels to remain in china ports for more than twenty four hours is not denied by existing rules in China and if introduced by that gov't would be resisted by the legation. Enc's letter to Consul at Shanghai concerning the case of the U.S. "Monocacy" there.	6/2
Edwin H. Conger, Ch'd'A.	1	" 19	"1 acknd.	4/13
	2	" 22	"2 acknd.	4/20

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China				
Charles Denby, E&MP.	2915	April 20	Ports open to foreign trade and Ports of Call in China. List of with date of opening, treaty, population and trade statistics and; also map of China showing location of said ports.	6/2
	2916	" 20	Riot at Hsiang Yeh Tung. Indemnity demanded for the loss has been raised from 500 to 3000 taels.	6/2
	c2917	" 20	Cession to France of Kwangchow Bay. Brief information concerning the bay given.	6/2
	2918	" 24	War with Spain. Dep's tel. of April 22, rel. to blockade has been communicated to Ch. Govt	6/2
	2919	" 24	Same subject. Dep's tel of April 22, rel to neutral rights has been communicated to Chin Govt	6/2
	2920	" 28	Same subject. Same reply as to tel. of April 25.	6/2
	2921	" 28	Library of Congress. Cooperation will be given as req'd in Circ. of Mar. 16.	6/2
	2922	" 28	1544 to 1552 asked	6/2
H. G. Squiers, Secy	Tel	" 23	War with Spain. "I have the honor to offer through you to the Secy of War my services if war is declared"	4/23
"	"	" 24	Confirms above.	4/2
Edwin H. Conger, E.E.&M.P.	"	" 25	Departure for post. Will sail May 11. Address until then Pasadena, Cal	4/26
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	2923	" 29	Health Organizations. No regular in China nor sanitary regulations except at Treaty ports.	6/13.
	2924	May 3	War with Spain. Neutrality of China. Enc's note of Tsung li yamen declaring the.	6/13.
	2925	" 4	Book "Messages of the Presidents" asked.	6/13.
Wm. E. Bambridge, 2nd Secy	"	" 2	Oath of Office Encl. Born in Wisconsin.	5/5.
"	"	" 9	Departure for post this day reported. Letter of credit returned	5/12.
Charles Denby, E.E.&M.P.	Tel	" 9	War with Spain. "China has declared her neutrality."	5/9.
	2926	" 10	Confirms above.	6/29.
	2927	" 15	Salute to the German flag at Kiao Chow required of visiting war vessels. Enc's note fr. German Envoy.	6/30.
	2928	" 15	Legation Premises. Condition of. His purchase of the buildings, as reported in "2910 makes it important for him to answer No 1557.	6/29.
	2929	" 15	Russia in China. Passports required with visa of Russian Consuls in China from foreigners visiting Port Arthur or Talienwan.	6/29.
	2930	" 17	War with Spain. Neutrality of China. Enc's note from Tsungli Yamen quoting order issued for the observance of neutrality; belligerent vessels cannot stay in Chinese ports.	6/30.
	2931	" 18	Navigation on the Yangtze River. Revised regulations as submitted to and approved by the Ad. Min. Encl; they will be put in force when approved by all foreign representatives.	6/30
	c2932	" 18	Russia and China. Convention between for the occupation of Port Arthur and Talienwan. Text of, as pub. in the North China News Encl	6/30.
"	"	" 19	Legation Premises. Denies that they are uninhabitable; Enc's letter from Sec'y Squiers and interpreter Cheshire, asserts that present allowance of $600 for repairs is ample and offers to renew lease for four years or less.	6/30
	2933	" 19	Visit of Prince Henry of Prussia. His reception by the Emperor and Empress marked by novel features; full account of the ceremony given.	6/30.
	2934	" 21	Coinage Report has been forwarded to Director of the Mint.	6/30.
	c2935	" 21	Russia in China. Passports required with visa of Russian Consuls. Refers to 2929; Enc's note from Russian Minister, his request to notify U.S. Consuls has not been complied with.	6/30.
	2936	" 27	Maps of Kiao Chow Bay and of Port Arthur forwarded	7/21
Edwin H. Conger, E.E.&M.P.	"	" 28	Departure for post this day and S.S. "Oceanic" reported.	6/3.
Charles Denby E.E.&M.P.	c2937	June 1	Russian requirement as to passports. Refers to "2935 and Enc's note from Russian Min. repeating the request; Consuls will not be instructed until Dep. so directs.	7/12
	2938	" 1	Death of Prince Kung. Sketch of his life. Enc's in memoriam decrees issued by the Emperor and the Empress Dowager.	7/12.
	c2939	" 6	Russian requirement as to passports. While passports are required, visa by Russian Consuls is optional. Refers to c2935.	7/21
	2940	" 6	1553 to 1568 and Enc's to April 15 Asked.	7/21
	c2941	" 10	Great Britain. Cession to of Mirs Bay, Deep Bay and islands near Hong Kong. Convention will take effect on July 1st.	7/21
	2942	" 10	1569 to 1575 and Enc's to April 28 asked	7/21.
	2943	" 10	British policy in presence of Russian encroachments in China severely condemned in Encl clipping from the North China Daily News.	7/21.
	2944	" 10	Postal Convention of Washington. Enc's note from Tsungli Yamen asks notice of the accession of Orange Free State.	7/21

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Charles Denby, Esq. Min.	2945	June 11	Land Regulations of the British Municipal Extension at Tsein Tsin encld. They have been approved by the legation subject to the Dep't's sanction. Encl's corresp.ce with Brit. repres.ve	7/11.
	2946	" 14	Publication "Customs Gazette" transmitted.	8/8.
	2947	" 16	Contracts, railroad and mining, granted to American, Russia and Anglo Italian Cos.	8/8.
	2948	" 16	Victory of Ad. Dewey at Manila has greatly increased prestige of U.S. in China.	8/8.
	2949	" 20	Political Change in Tsungli Yamen by the removal of Wang kung ho, and rejoining of Li Hung Chang, reported:	8/8.
	2950	" 21	Navigation on inland rivers. Small steamers, foreign or domestic, will be allowed to engage in. Encl's note from the Tsung li Yamen with set of rules.	8/8.
	2951	" 24	Political predominence of Li Hung Chang, as reported in No 2949, is further enhanced by the return to power of the Empress Dowager.	8/8.
	2952	" 29	Military reforms in China. Encl's decree ordering an investigation into the advisability of adopting Western drill system.	8/26
	2953	July 2	Fuchau. Complaint of the Consul in Desp. 1576. The matter of delay in settlement of claims was presented by the legation as soon as Consul wrote about it; as to protection of his servant no request for his action was made. Encl's note to Yamen and corresp.ce with Consul	8/26.
	2954	" 4	1576 to 1588 encld. also Circ. to Mag. 17.	8/26.
	2955	" 4	Text of Dep't's tel. of June 30.	8/26.
	2956	" 6	Railway building in China. Encl's decree ordering that work be commenced without delay	8/26.
Edwin H. Conger, Esq. Min.	tel	" 7	Arrived	8/26.
W. E. Rainsbridge.	3	" 10	Confirms above	7/9.
Charles Denby, Esq. Min.	2957	" 10	Arrival of post ship day reported.	8/29
	2958	" 11	Cipher. Receipt of cipher for Book No 39 encld	8/29.
			Legation has this day been turned over this successor. Name of Secretaries Squiers Sowyer and of Interpreter Cheshire.	8/29.
Edwin H. Conger, Esq. Min.	4	" 11	Credentials were presented this day, and handed personally to the Emperor who also received from Mr Denby's letter of recall; brief account of ceremony given; addresses and replies encld	8/29
	5	" 12	Shanghai. Land of Consulate is not up to date but may answer present requirements; offices are unobjectionable, but rent is likely to be increased in 1900: advises continuance of portal agency	8/29.
	6	" 14	South Service. Asks that legation bag be addressed and sent directly to Peking.	8/29
	7	" 15	Inventory of property and archives encld	8/29
			Furniture of legation. Encl's list of articles needed	8/29
	8	" 15	Missionaries. Decree for the protection of the, and their direct intercourse with high officials encld;	8/29
	9	" 18	Copyright and Patents. Decree ordering regulations for the protection of encld	8/29
	10	" 20	Land jobbing in Shanghai by late Consul General Jernigan. Reports results of investigation directed by Dis. of March 31 and Encl's letters from parties connected with the transaction.	8/29.
	11	" 21	Consular Returns of trade. Referring to refusal of Customs at Shanghai to furnish the legation with, as requested by Mr Denby, asks whether Customs Regulations would be violated thereby as alleged	8/29
	12	" 21	Books for legation requested.	8/29.
	13	" 22	University at Peking. Establishment of a national, reported. Encl's memorial of the Tsung li Yamen on the subject, which received the sanction of the Emperor	9/13.
	14	" 22	Contract of the Anglo Italian Syndicate referred to in No 2947. Encld	9/13.
	15	" 22	Consular district. Transfer of Tsang Chwang and Lin Ching from Tientsin to the Chefoo. Encl's representations of the missionaries against the.	9/13
	16	" 28	Press of China. The Chinese Daily Progress of Shanghai has been made an official organ by Encl's decree of the Emperor which orders that all leading newspapers shall be read to him	9/13
Herbert G. Squiers, Secy		" 28	Furniture for Secy's residence. List of articles submitted as directed in Dis.ch of May 26	9/13
Edwin H. Conger. Esq. Min.	17	" 31	Railroad Contracts of China. Interference of Germany and Russia in the; gives two instances of; urges the presence in China of men of intelligence representing large capital, and Encl's note of Russian Chargé objecting to the extension of the Chinese Eastern Railway, or rather the road being mortgaged to the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation under their contract	9/13
	18	" 31	Navigation on Inland rivers. Revised Regulations transmitted. Refers to No 2950.	9/14.
	19	Aug 1	1589 to 1595 and Encls. 4 June 28 encld	9/14.
	20	" 5	University of Peking. An American Wm A.P Martin has been selected as President, gives some particulars about him and the institution	9/14.
Annual		July 26	Book of publications requested.	9/23.

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China				
Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Ext.	21	Aug. 10	War with Spain. Blockade of So. Cub. &c. Pres. Proclamation has been given to Chinese Govt	9/14.
	22	" 10	Publications Trade Reports (Duplicate) transmitted Refer to 2402	9/14.
	23	" 10	Passport issued by Consul Gen. Hongkong to Jno. A. Kuhl jr. Hereafter such Passports will be recognized.	10/6
	24	" 11	Edict of Emperor, establishing commission to regulate Exploitation of mines &c. &c.	10/6
	25	" 14	Peace with Spain. Tel rec'd made known to F.O.	10/6
	25a	" 15	Neutrality. Act's circular June 21. No laws exist since date circ. 1870. Except decree in re.	10/6
	26	" 16	Leave for Interpreter closing requested. Leave absence for F.D. Cheshire. Interpreter. Confirms tels rel. to	10/14 10/6
	27	" 16	Hankow-Peking Railway Contract with Belgium ratified by Emperor.	10/6
	28	" 19	Medical Reports, transmitted.	10/6
	29	" 19	Treaty negotiations bet. China & Dom. States of Congo. Encl. text.	10/6
	30	" 20	Chinese Dip. appointments to Japan & Corea.	10/6
	31	" 26	Philippines. Importance of to U.S.	10/6
	32	" 28	Acts circ. July 15	10/24
	33	Sept. 1	Acts #1596-1601, incl. & #4-7 incl; & circ 15 July.	10/24
	34	" 1	Am. Missionary, E.D. Chapin. Maltreatment of by Chinese.	10/24
	35	" 5	Same Subject. The Tsungli Yamen has issued inst[n] for satisfactory settlement.	11/17
	36	" 6	Free Port of Tientsin (Kiaochau) opened	10/24
	37	" 6	Complaint of Geo. Williams, "of an American Chinese subject" Merchandise seized.	10/24
	See	" 13	Li Hung Chang & Ching Hsin dismissed from Office, believed in execution Emperor's plan of general reform.	9/23.
	38	" 14	Same Subject. confirms above.	10/24
	39	" 14	Legation Premises. Renewal of lease. Recommendations. See Mr. Denby's #2556 (Dec 7/96)	11/24
	See	" 9	Same subject. Renewal on old lines recommended.	
	40	" 14	Consulate at Canton. Alleged need of a Marshal at.	10/24
	41	" 15	For. Settlements at Shanghai. New by-laws (8-34) attached to Land Regulations &c approved by him.	10/24
	42	" 15	Mail-Pouches. Asks for wire, leads & die-Stamps for. (Mail of Sept hereafter by Return-pouch)	10/24
	43	" 15	Postal Agency of US at Shanghai. (#2 of July 20. ack'd)	11/24
	44	" 16	Emperor's Proposed visit to Tientsin. Decree regarding.	10/24
	45	" 16	Railway Concessions to the English, of late date. Specifies 4.	10/24
	46	" 17	Charges against U.S. Consul & Interpreter at Canton by Viceroy.	10/24
	47	" 17	Visé of passports of persons going to territory recently ceded by China to Russia. Visé of passports of foreigners going to Russia do not apply at Port Arthur, etc. etc.	10/24
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	48	" 17	Island of Hainan. Disturbances in.	10/24
	Tel.	" 23	"Emperor has been compelled to decree the Empress Dowager Co-regent. She assumes full power to-day."	9/29
	49	" 24	Same Subject. confirms above.	11/11
	50	" 27	Trial of R. Toulmin on indictment for murder. Set for Oct. 1, 98 at Canton. Suggested regulation of Consular Procedure.	11/26
	51	" 28	Publications. Encl 2 copies Imp. M. Customs Gazette. No CXVIII.	9/26
	52	" 28	#18 recd. (corrects tel.)	11/26
	53	" 29	Tsungli Yamen. Changes in.	11/26
	54	" 30	Political. Decrees of Emp. Dowager. Execution of Conspirators. Banishment Chang Yen Hsuan. Confirms tel. 21st Sept.	
	Tel.	Oct. 1	Same Subject. "Six alleged conspirators executed by order of Empress Yesterday. Kang, leading reformer, adviser of Emperor escaped to Br. Ves. Emperor reported dangerously ill. Order & quiet prevail hope. Trouble feared in interior &c."	10/1
	Tel.	" 1	Same Subject. "Not serious danger yet. Considerable anxiety for future. Foreign fleets assembling Tien-tsin. Some ministers ordering marines to Peking for Legation guard. We sh[d] have War Vessel Tien-tsin instructed to send marines at any time, if necessary.	10/1
	Tel.	" 1	Same Subject. "Street mob Saturday, attacked foreigners on route railway to city, including Archbishop Cranston's family. No one seriously hurt. The Govt promises adequate measures to prevent occurrence.	10/3

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Edwin H. Conger. E.E. & M.P.	55	Oct. 1	Ack'd 8-20- recd	
	56	" 1	Attack on H. M. Conroy, U.S. cit, missionary at Peking.	11/26
	57	" 3	Claim of Mr. Deacon (amer. cit.) vs. Viceroy of Kewangtung -	11/26
	58	" 5	Navigation on inland rivers - Supplementary Rules. Refer to Desp No 18	11/26
	59	" 5	Disturbance in Province Szechuan Refer to - Confers supt's tel. 29 ult.	12/26
	60	" 6	Foreign Settlements at Shanghai - Proposed amendments to land-regulations - decision of Viceroy vs.	11/26
	61	" 7	Legation Guards required at. Confers tels. 1st & 7th inst.	11/26
	62	" 7	Text of tel. from Dept. 8th inst.	12/7
	63	" 12	Text of tel. from Dept. 12th inst.	12/9
	64	" 12	Foreigners in China - Decree of Empress Dowager in reg. to treatment of. -	12/15
Tel.		" 9	Guard at Tien-Tsin. Strongly urges presence of, before close of navigation, as general situation is Empire growing serious. Chinese Govt. has increased militia & Russian & German Min. have placed large guards. Other Mins. have ordered them. Asks if he may expect same.	10/19
Tel.		" 11	Secretary of Legation (2d) Leave to visit U.S. requested by H. E. Bainbridge as, on account of business complications at home. Same approved.	10/
	65	" 12	American trade in China. Encls. letter from Consul at Chefoo making certain suggestions for the further development of.	11/19
	66	" 12	Cipher message 10th inst. Calls Dept. attention to error in, and gives text of same.	11/19
	67	" 12	Text of tels. to and from Dept.	11/19
	68	" 12	No 19 Ack'd.	11/19
	69	" 12	Foreign contracts for the loan of money, building railroads &c. Encls. note Oct. 6, from Foreign Office rel to, and states that a copy thereof has been sent to all Consuls of U.S. in China.	11/19
	70	" 12	Political. Appointment of Yuan Ch'ang, as a member of the Tsungli Yamen, reported.	11/19
M.	71	" 14	Reform movement in China. Encls. Decree of the Empress Dowager rel to, and calls attention to remarkable clauses therein.	11/19
	72	" 17	Shanghai - Recognition of Arthur H. White as Deputy Consul General at, reported.	11/19
	73	" 18	Political - Appointment of Li-Sheng as Minister to Japan vice Huang Tsun-hsien, resigned, reported.	11/19
	74	" 19	Health of the Emperor. States that he is not seriously ill but needs recuperation and toning up.	11/19
	75	" 21	Arrival of the U.S. Cruiser "Boston", Gunboat "Petrel" and Collier "Nero" at Taku 19th inst., reported. Captain Wiltse will remain in vicinity, as long as freedom from ice will permit. And should conditions change for the worse guards will be telegraphed for.	11/19
	76	" 22	Political. Alleged interview with Kang-Yu-Wei, the Reform leader, Encls. clipping containing,	11/19
	77	" 23	Secretary of Legation, (2nd). Leave granted H. E. Bainbridge as, availed of, Reply tel. 11th inst.	11/19
	78	" 27	No 26 Ack'd.	11/19
M. Tel.		" 31	Guards for Legations. "Have requested 'Boston' to send 18 marines Peking and 30 Tsien-Tsin."	11/1
	79	Nov. 2	Health of the Emperor. Encls. corres. betw. Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Tsungli Yamen rel to,	11/19
	80	" 2	Text of telegram to Dept. 30th ults.	11/19
M.	81	" 3	Guards for Legations at Peking. Encls. corres. betw. Dean of the Dip. Corps and Tsungli Yamen rel to,	11/19
M.	82	" 3	Political situation at Peking and probable future of China. Reports at length upon, and encls. clippings.	11/19
	83	" 4	No 21 to No 29 Ack'd. also Circulars Sept. 19th, 29th and 30th	12/22
Tel.		" 5	Guard at Tientsin necessary. Asks if he can contract quarters and fuel not exceeding $600.00	12/
Tel.		" 6	Naval Attaché. Notify him no room in compound for. - must live outside -	11/7
Tel		" 6	Troops - Concentrating near Peking - Oct. 29 Chinese Govt promised to remove - This not yet done - Dip. Corps to-day notified S.O. if not removed by nov. 15 - Powers must devise measures for security.	11/7
	84	" 6	Postal Convention at Washington. Adhesion of the Dom. Rep. to etc, Circular announcing recd.	12/22
	85	" 7	Political - Appointment of Hsu-ching-chen to the Tsungli Yamen, reported.	12/22
	86	" 7	Text of telegrams Recd from Dept. 4th and 5th inst.	12/22
	87	" 8	No 36 Ack'd.	12/22
V	88	" 8	Robbery of William Langequist by Chinese. Refers to Dispts. No 29, and states that the Tsungli Yamen has given orders to the local officials to pay the full amount of 361.75 taels. Corres. enclosed.	12/22
Tel.		" 8	Guards for Legations. Marine guard here.	12/22
	89	" 9	No 30 Ack'd.	12/22
	90	" 9	Publications - Maritime Customs Gazette and Medical Reports, transmitted.	12/22
	91	" 10	Guards for Legations. Arrival of, from U.S.S. "Boston", reported. Encls. corres. with officials rel to,	12/22
	92	" 10	Text of tel. 6th inst. No 42 ack'd.	12/22

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China				
Edwin H. Conger, E. & M. P.	93	Nov. 11	Missionaries at Pang Ching & Lin Ching - Protest of, against their transfer from the jurisdiction of the Consul at Tientsin to that of the Consul at Chefoo. Gives reasons why transfer should not be made, & asks Dept's instructions.	12/23
	94	" 12	#44 Ack'd.	
	Tel.	" 17	Troops. "Kanshu troops are being removed"	
	95	" 17	Same Subject - For. representatives demand removal of before Nov. 15. Comm'ts.	1/3
	96	" 15	Yellow River - Appt of Li Hung Chang on a commission to examine into condition of &c.	1/3
	97	" 22	Kang Yu Wei - Letter purporting to come from - Encl - Kang Yu Wei was the Reform Leader & adviser of the Emperor.	1/3
	98	" 23	Appointment of Liu Kuen Yi & Ch'ing K'uan to visit For. Countries - No instructions attached to.	1/3
	99	" 23	Postal Congress of Wash'n - Act of - Chinese Govt notified -	1/3
	100	" 26	Chinese Bureau for control of railways & mines - (Ack's #40 / Refers to Mr. Jno Fowler's criticisms of -	1/3
	101	" 26	Russian influence in China - Encl's newspaper extr's -	1/19
	102	" 30	Marine Guard at Legation - Comments on necessity of.	1/19
	103	" 30	China - Conditions in - Encl's speech of Lord C. Beresford - at Shanghai -	1/19
	104	" 30	Yellow River Inundations - Li Hung Chang's Mission to study same	1/19
	105	Dec. 1	- #50-65 ack'd -	1/19
	Tel	" 1	Marine Guard - Sh'd remain at Legation at present	12/1
	106	" 3	Mining Privileges in Province Szechuen - Encl's copy contract of Mr. Pritchard Norman, giving him control of -	1/19
Mr. Squiers -	Tel.	" 4	"Boy" sent Balto & Ohio depot next Monday."	12/5
Edwin H. Conger, E. & M. P.	Tel.	" 2	"Canton - Appt of Williams as V.C. at - with ref. to Tauleman trial. Leg'n has no record of - hence not obtained Exequatur.	12/2
	107	" 3	Marine Guard at Peking - Cmf's tel. of Dept - 2d inst.	1/19
	108	" 6	Mines & Railways - Encl's Regulations for mines & railways of Russia:	1/18
	109	" 7	Railway fr. Tientsin to Chinkiang - Concession to Dr. Jung Wing.	1/18
	110	" 9	Chinese Mines & Railways - Status of -	1/18
	111	" 9	Navigation - Inland Steam - Regulations - Refers to No. 58 Oct. 12. 98	1/18
	112	" 12	Military reforms. Decree ordering increase of Army and manufacture of arms Encl'd.	1/7
	113	" 12	Publication. Customs Gazette transmitted.	1/7
	114	" 14	Reception, by the Empress Dowager, of the ladies of the Dips. Corps. Gives full account of the, and comments on the consequences of this breaking away from old precedents.	1/7
	115	" 15	Mining Concession granted to an Italian - Sabbione. Encl's decree	1/7
	116	" 15	Postage Stamps of China. Issues of 1897 and 1898. Two sets Encl'd	1/7
	117	" 16	Canton. Exequatur has been forwarded to V. Con. A. R. Williams. List of tel.	1/7
	118	" 17	Small pox among the legation guards. Death of private Frank Lazire reported: two other cases recovered; all danger now over	1/7
Wm. E. Bambridge 2nd Secy Edwin H. Conger E. & M. P.	Tel.	" 17	Leave. Arrivals at home Dec 16 reported: explanation of excess on transit time given	12/20.
	119	" 21	Political. Appointments to the Grand Council and the Tsungli Yamen reported	1/7
	120	" 21	Same subject. Lists of members of the Grand Council, the Tsung li Yamen and the six boards Encl'd	1/7
	121	" 23	Mines and Railways. Criticism of the regulations forwarded in #108. Encl's note to Tsungli Yamen offering	1/7
	122	" 24	Railway building and management. Decree regulating, Encl'd	1/28.
	Tel	" 22	French Settlement at Shanghai. Proposed extension of, as objected to by American owners; Wilt Jenkins is instructed to protest unless extension is under combined jurisdiction. Instr'n requested	12/12.
	123	" 29	Pouches of legation. Asks that they be sealed. Wire and lead asked	1/18.
	124	" 29	Missionaries' Conference at Chungking in January. Chinese Govt has been asked to take all necessary steps for the protection of the, notwithstanding disturbed conditions. Note to Yamen Encl'd	1/28.
	125	" 30	Reform Leader K'ang Yu Wei. Decree warning the people and authorities against the, Encl'd	1/28.
	126	1899 Jan. 1	#66 to #74 and Circ of Oct 25 asked	1/28.
	127	" 5	Responsibility of Military and Civil Governors in cases appertaining to the Tsungli Yamen - Decree establishing same, Encl'd.	1/28.

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Herbert G Squiers Secy Edwin H. Conger Envoy Ext & Min Plen	~	Jan. 3	Leave of 60 days requested.	2/7
	128	" 5	Russian calls by the Tsungli Yamen on the Legation reported	2/28.
	129	" 5	French Settlement of Shanghai. Proposed Extension of Limit of Mil. to and from Dep.; recites particulars of the case and Min's protest to the Tsungli Yamen as directed by Dep.'s cable	2/28.
	~	" 7	Marine Guard of the Legation. Account of expenses Min'd; draft on emergency fund advised	2/28.
	130	" 7	Policy of the Govt in China. Suggestions of Consul at Chefoo submitted with favorable comment in regard to some of the number. Refers to #65.	2/28.
	131	" 16	Text of Mr. from etc to Dept of Jan 13 and 14.	3/6.
	132	" 20	Concessions sought by Japan or Army. As negotiations are conducted by Jpn Consul Gen. Con. has been directed to communicate with Dep. Legation wishes to be kept informed.	3/6.
	C 133	" 22	Disturbances in Szechuan Tsungli Yamen deny that new Taotai at Chungking is anti foreign and insist that he is the man for the circumstances; recites instances of depredation by brigands. Yamen notified orally that they would be held accountable for any harm to Americans. R. to Mr.	3/6.
	134	" 24	Missionary property held for other than missionary purposes. Con at Chinkiang is informed that treaty would not warrant intervention in the case of mining property. Corresp Encl	3/6.
	135	" 25	Marine Guard may be withdrawn after navigation opens. Adl clothing to inform	3/6.
	Tel	" 14	French settlement of Shanghai. "Protested January 5th against any extension Shanghai including American property under single jurisdiction."	3/4.
W. E Bainbridge, 2nd Secy Edwin H Conger, Envoy Ext and Min Plen	~	" 31	Return to post. Will leave on Feb 6 from Council Bluffs	2/3.
	136	Feb. 1	Riot at Shuang Feb. Settlement has been effected, carrying indemnity, punishment of rioters and officials, and proclamation for the protection of Missionaries. Corresp with Con Gen's dispatches 2/16	3/24
	137	" 1	75 to 94 arrests.	3/12
	138	" 6	Port open to trade as a Treaty Port. Nan Ning on Kwang Si has been so declared	3/12
	C 139	" 6	Sentence on Richard Faulkner by Cons. Court at Canton. has been approved by the legation	3/12
	140	" 6	Anti Christian publication by a magistrate of Hsin Chiu County. Missionaries ask that the legation demand and insist on his removal; extracts of publication Encl, do not show any especially offensive attack and instructions by cable are requested. Corresp Encl.	3/29.
	141	" 7	Citizenship of Wong Gon Ting. Conflicting statements of witnesses leave the, in some doubt, long residence in China and lack of evidence against officials make it inexpedient to present any claim	3/22
	142	" 8	Riots in Shang Tung. Protection has been asked of the Yamen. Min's correspondence with Missionaries and Consul at Chefoo	3/22.
	143	" 8	Newchwang. Appointment of an American as Consul at, recommended. Min's papers addressed to Lord Beresford by Brit Residents showing remarkable increase and activity at that port	3/29.
	144	" 14	Furniture purchased for the legation. Inventory and account Encl; explanations as to excess over amount allowed.	3/29
	145	" 14	Railway Director General. Removal of Nie Chu Tsu as, reported. Brit Min has protested without effect	3/29.
	146	" 16	Postal Conventions of Washington Encl of Dec 17 and 28 have been communicated to Chinese Govt	3/29
	147	" 16	Inspection of Consulates in China on board of a warvessel of the U.S. Suggests the advisability of his making an tour during the year	3/29
	148	" 18	Riots in Shan Tung. Legation has asked that the Govt do not confine himself to an investigation but punish the ring leaders. Correspondence with Yamen Encl	3/29
	149	" 18	Naturalization fraudulent of Anton Peter Lundgren, the statutory term of 5 years not having elapsed. Min's certificate, old passport and application for a new passport	3/29
	150	" 19	Protection of Missionaries. Proclamation posted by the Chinese Magistrate at Tientsin for the, Encl	3/29.
	151	" 22	Books for the legation. Messages of the Presidents asked	4/7
	152	" 24	Postal Conventions of Washington. Min's of Dec 30 and Jan 5 have been given to Chin Govt	4/7
	Tel	" 25	Canton and Legation's 2nd Secy. "Canton Consulate should be filled at once. I strongly urge appointment of Bainbridge, and reappointment of Secy 2nd Secy here, both services will be greatly benefited."	3/
	153	" 28	Same subject. Confirms above and addduces several reasons in support of his recommendation	4/7
	154	" 28	Collision between Russians and Chinese on the district of Lui Chia Tien over a question of trespass of horses. Transmits the versions of Fed U Consul at Newchwang and of Russian Min at Peking.	4/7
	Feb. Mar	1	Italy's demand for the lease of San Mun bay and privileges in the adjacent province reported. Instructions requested.	4/.

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Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & M. P.	c 155	Mar 1	Petition of Chinese. Confirming tel. of March 1, discusses the general question of the, and asks for instructions as to what the policy of the U.S. is to be in the matter; acquisition of territory not desirable, but coaling station would be needed.	4/7
	156	" 1	Pres to 113 and Circ of Dec. 17, 22 and 30 a. c. y.	4/7
	157	" 1	Audience on New Year's by the Emperor will not take place, because of ill health; banquet offered instead has been declined, several of the legations being in mourning	4/7
	158	" 6	Repairs to Sedan Chairs of the legation. Allowance of $125 for, requested.	3/24.
	Tel	" 13	Marine Guard of legation left Peking to day	3/13.
	159	" 13	Same subject. Confirms above; pays tribute to the good services and behavior of the officers and men and Em's corresp. with Adl Kempff	4/24
	c 160	" 14	Claim of the American Trading Co. Reviews the events of the, and the various defences set up by Chinese authorities; in his opinion the claim is a good one. Statements and affidavits Em's. Reply to No 6.	4/24.
	161	" 15	Arms and ammunition reported as being shipped to the Philippines are upon investigation found to be the property of and moved by the Chinese Govt. Em's corresp.	4/24.
	c 162	" 15	Cotton Trade with Northern China. Restrictions on the, are not to be feared, for some time to come, not at least until Russia establishes her sovereignty. Reply to 126.	4/24.
	163	" 15	Protection of John McFerguson. Legation has already assured the. Reply to 124.	4/24
	164	" 15	Postal Conventions of Washington. Circ of Jan. 27 has been given to Chinese Govt.	4/24
	165	" 15	127 acts	4/24.
	166	" 15	Directory for China, Japan &c forwarded	4/24.
	c 167	" 16	Italian Concession at San Mun. Incidents of the demand reported: Yamen has refused but will not be able to resist force; Gt Britain is assisting Italy and other Powers are neutral. Japan will demand a concession, if Italy succeeds. Text of Dep's tel	4/24.
	Tel	" 17	Same subject. "Italian Minister has been recalled. Brit Min in charge of the legation."	3/17
	168	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above; recall of It. Min. caused by his sending an ultimatum as ordered by cable, the telegram being delivered to him after another, sent later, instructing him to stop negotiations	5/4
	Tel	" 23	Japanese Settlement at Amoy. "The Viceroy of Fuhkien telegraphs that Jap. Con. at Amoy has protested against granting settlement to Japan unless one is granted the U.S. Is this your desire?"	3/23.
	169	" 24	Same subject. Confirms above. Jap. Min. explains that the matter is one of two years standing and that the desired settlement covers but a small area	3/4.
	170	" 24	Tobacco. No restrictions on.	3/4.
	c 171	" 24	Shanghai Settlements. French Min on hearing that extension of foreign settlement was not expected to include portion of territory desired for French Extension withdraws his protest provided no objection is made to extension of French settlement: this appears reasonable and a note (in F) has been sent to the Yamen urging that extensions be granted in accordance with requests of Consuls. Other diplomatic representatives will take similar action	3/4.
	172	" 25	Text of Dep's tel. of Mar 24.	3/4.
	173	" 25	Publication Medical Reports forwarded	3/10.
	174	" 25	Postal Conventions of Washington. Circ of Feb 2 has been given to Chinese Govt	3/4.
	175	" 25	Book for legation "Compilations of Treaties" requested: books should be bound	3/14.
	176	" 25	Publication "Trade of China" forwarded	3/4.
	177	" 26	Publication "Customs Gazette" forwarded	3/4.
	178	" 26	Pension laws of China. Refers to Dep's #15 of 1887 as containing all the information req'd in Circ of Jan 31.	3/4.
	179	" 26	Lodgings for 2nd Sec'y Bainbridge. Allowance of $500 per annum requested for	3/14.
William E. Bainbridge, 2nd Sec'y Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & M. P.	"	" 28	Return to post on this day reported	3/11
	180	" 28	Student Interpreters. Appointment of, recommended; suggestions and reasons offered	3/11
	181	" 30	German Expedition to interior of Shantung. Em's note from German Min informing him of the sending of a, and his acknowledging appreciation of the protection to be afforded Americans. Grounds on which the expedition is made, given.	3/11.
	c 182	" 31	Postal Arrangement. Draft of a, between U.S. and China, and explanatory letter of Chinese Postal Secretary Em's. Any amendment desired by U.S. P.O. Dept will probably be accepted: such an arrangement would be of great benefit to both countries.	3/11.

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Edwin H. Conger. Ex. & Min.	183	Apl 1	Publication, light-houses, transmitted.	5/11
	184	" 1	114 to 129, except 115, and Circ to Feb. 2 acted	5/11
	185	" 3	Publication Shanghai Wate approaches transmitted	5/11
	Tel	" 2	German military Expedition has been sent to interior of Shan Tung professedly to preserve order and to protect German missionaries and engineers and have been distributed by German Govt to protect Americans in case of necessity."	4/2
	186	" 3	Confirms above	5/11
	187	" 10	Naturalization fraudulent, of Anton Peter Lundgren. Ref to #149 and Em's letter to Consul at Tientsin-setting forth reasons why he cannot receive passport or protection.	6/2
	188	" 12	Missionary Interference in local matters. Em's complaint of Vice Roy at Canton and letter of warning issued by the Consul unde legation's approval	6/2
	189	" 12	German Expedition to the interior of Shan Tung. Em's article of the North China Daily News	6/2
	190	" 15	Customs Service. Appointment of young Americans to the Chinese solicited by the Inspector General Em's letters from Sir Robert Hart and to Cornell and Iowa Universities	6/2
	191	" 17	German Expedition to the interior of Shan Tung Details of the, as given by German Emb.	6/2
	192	" 18	Canton. Recognition of H.D. Smith as U Con. at, has been telegraphed to provincial authorities	6/2
	193	" 20	Claim of Wm Lagergrist was not settled as reported in #88. Erroneous translation of the Yamen's note caused the mistake. Correct translation Em'd	6/2
	194	" 24	Postal Conventions of Washington. Circ. of Feb. 24 has been given to Chinese Govt	6/2
	195	" 25	Mining Contract awarded to Pritchard Morgan and Em'd in #106 has recd Imperial sanction. Em's regulations for the working of the mines.	6/2
	196	" 26	Postal Conventions of Washington. Circ of March 11 has been given to Chinese Govt	6/2
	197	" 29	Catholic priests and Chinese Officials. Decree regulating the relations and precedence of Em's; suggests that protestant Churches make similar arrangements.	6/2
	198	" 29	Publications of the Govt of China. Report on the. Reply to Circ. of Feb 14.	6/2
	199	May 1	130 to 145 and Circ of Feb. Mar and April acted	6/14
	200	" 4	Fees for travel certificates. Ruling of the Dep. as to amount and whether official or not requested. Em's correspondence with Consul at Hankow on the subject.	6/14
	201	" 6	Commercial Congress of Philadelphia. China will be represented by two members of the legation.	6/14
	202	" 6	Chinese writer of the legation. Petition of the, for an increase of salary, and appointment of an assistant transmitted, the second request only is approved by the legation	6/14
	203	" 11	Shanghai Settlements Extension, as reported by Am Gen, has been approved by the legation	7/1
	204	" 15	Russian demand for a railroad from Petsin to the Russian railway in Manchuria is demurred to by China and resisted on by Russian Emb. It would antagonize the English road	7/1
	205	" 22	Loan by English and German banks to the Chinese Govt for the building of the railway from Tientsin to Chinkiang. Details of the; contract not yet signed	7/1
	206	" 23	Complaint of Albert Newcomb against F.H. Prescott for furnishing him a worthless Cinematographe. Em's letter from H and accompanying docs.	7/1
	207	June 1	#146 to 168 and Circ of March 27, noted.	7/26
	208	" 2	Port open to Trade. Wanhsien declared to be a, on May 1, by Em'd decree	7/26
	209	" 5	Consular Jurisdiction at Niu chow, Port Arthur and Wei Hai Wei. Consul at Chefoo has been directed to assume, in the event of trouble to American ships or citizens.	7/26
	210	" 5	Embargo on ponies. Chinese Govt declines to allow the exportation of ponies and mules bought for the U.S. troops at Manila on the ground that such permission has been refused to all except in cases of small shipments for private purposes.	7/26
	211	" 5	Riot in Shan Tung. Tsungli Yamen, being called upon by reason of the delay in carrying out promises reported in #148, instructed Gov. of the Province to arrest and punish five leaders and settle W.T. Chalfant's indemnity. Notes and memo of interview Em'd	7/26
	212	" 6	Publication Customs Gazette, transmitted.	7/26
	213	" 6	Book "Digest" of Supreme Court Reports requested.	7/26
	214	" 6	Loss by Exchange Explanations concerning Circ. of April 24, requested.	7/26
	215	" 12	Embargo on mules. Permission to ship 150 mules to Manila declined by the Tsung li Yamen on the same ground as reported in #210. Notes Em'd	8/5
	216	" 15	Coinage Report. Ofo information for the, as req'd in Cir. of Feb 2, can be obtained	8/5
	217	" 15	Debt of the Chinese Govt. Em's tables of the various loans.	8/5
	218	" 16	Kiaochow. Provisional Customs and Harbor Regulations of the German territory of. as published in the Shanghai Mercury Em'd	8/5

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Edwin H. Conger E.E. & M.P.	Tel	June 16	Japan and China. Treaty between. "Confidential. At suggestion of Japan. China has sent secret commissioners to Japan to negotiate a treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, of course aimed at Russia."	6/16
	219	" 16	Same subject. Confirms above and gives information on which it was sent	6/23
	220	" 16	Leave of Sec'y Squiers will begin on June 20; he will not visit the U.S.	6/23
	221	" 19	Tsungli Yamen. Appointment of Wu Ting fun as Taotai, reported	6/23
	222	" 19	Murder of Wong Lom Ling. Ass't. No 175; no further action will be taken unless otherwise instructed.	6/23
	223	" 22	Claim of the American Trading Co. Cin's note urging prompt settlement as per No 169	6/23
	224	" 22	Port of San Tsu Ao was opened to trade on May 8.	6/23
	225	" 26	Wharfage at San Tsu Ao, although small and probably needed, is in clear violation of the treaty, and assent to it would establish embarrassing precedent. Ins. awaited	6/30
	226	" 30	Inventory of property encl; calls attention to worthless articles included therein	6/30
	227	July 1	169 to 180 and unnumbered Ins. to May 13 asked)	8/10
	228	" 5	Settlements at Shanghai. Map encl; Foreign settlement extension has been granted as therein indicated; French Min. withdrew opposition when assured that it was within the lines of the 1896 agreement. U.S. Legation no longer objects to French extension but Br. does.	8/21
	229	" 9	Italy and China. Marquis Salvago Raggi has taken charge of the It. Legation as Min. Resident. Chinese govt is strengthening defences at San Mun.	8/21
	230	" 11	Passports refused to prostitutes. Cin's correspce with Cons. at Chefoo and requests approval	8/21
	231	" 12	Settlements at Shanghai. French and Russian Mins will not approve regulations defining the extended International Settlement, unless agreement of 1896 for the extension of the French Settlement is maintained."	8/21
	232	" 12	Riot in Shan Tung. Legation has advised missionaries to seek a settlement with the local authorities. Cin's correspce with Yamen rel. to action taken by Chinese govt and local Cons	8/21
	233	" 12	German Minister. Baron von Kettler has been appointed E. & M.P. vice Baron von Heyking	8/21
	234	" 13	Currency Reform in China. Paper by C.A. Tenney, the American Prof. of Oriental Languages, encl	8/21
	235	" 15	Contract between the American-China Development Company and the Chinese govt for the construction of railways re. Confirms Dept. tel. July 14, rel. to, and states that Co's representative informs him that contracts are practically agreed upon.	8/28
	236	" 20	Tsungli Yamen — transmits correspondence with, rel to a placard, said to have been posted by the people of Kaiming prefecture. Pres. of Prob. Klein.	8/28
	237	" 20	Fiscal reform. Decree ordering steps toward. Encl; abuses of the system as commonly	9/7
	238	" 24	Publication Trade Returns transmitted.	9/7
	239	" 27	Interpreter of Legation. Recommends that he be given by law the rank and title of Chinese Secretary.	9/7
	240	" 28	Jurisdiction in territory leased to European Powers. Review of case of Am. Bark "Hesper" reported by Consul at Chefoo, and of the fact that Germany has full sway at Kiao Chou, requests definite instructions as to whether treaty with leasing power or with China prevails in such territories.	9/7
	241	Aug 1	"180, 182 and Cirs. to June 1. asked)	9/16
	242	" 1	Jurisdiction in territory leased to European Powers. German Min. denies the right of U.S. Consul to address the Gov. of Kiao Chow in the matter of seamen of the Am. Vessel "Hesper" imprisoned there; legation agrees to have all correspondence rel to such matters conducted thro' the respective legations. Correspondence Encl'd	9/16
	243	" 9	Book "Messages of the Presidents" asked	9/23
	244	" 9	"183 asked)	9/23
	245	" 9	"186 asked.	9/23
	246	" 9	"187 asked)	9/23
	247	" 9	"188 asked)	9/23
	248	" 10	Alliance between Japan and China. Negotiations are still on, and Russian Minister has filed a protest against same. Probabilities in the event of war, discussed	9/23
	249	" 12	Mining and Railway Regulations. Cin's Amendments to be, in "108	9/23
	250	" 18	Italy demands mining and railway concessions in lieu of the Island of San Mun. Refers to "167, 168 and 229; no reply has yet been made by China.	9/25
	251	" 19	Inspection of Consulates. Departure on the trip of, authorized by Ins. 162 will be made on Aug 21 U.S.S. Princeton will take him at Taku	

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Edwin H. Conger, E&MP	252	Aug 25	Appointment of Americans, Paken Morrison, to the Chinese Customs Service, reported.	10/4.
	Tel.	" 27	Inspection of Consulates. Am making tour of Consulates on "Princeton". Left Peking Aug 28th	9/27
	253	Sept 1	Russia's work at Talienwan Em's commendatory article of the North China daily News on	11/7
	254	" 1	"183 to 191 and Circulars to July 1 acctd)	11/7
✓	Tel ✓	" 1	Concession to Japan of less than 40 acres has been granted at Amoy Exact limits not yet fixed.	9/10.
	255	" 13	"193 acctd)	11/7
	256	" 13	Copyright Circular of July 25 has been communicated to Chinese Govt	11/7
	257	" 13	Postal Convention of Washington. Circ. of July 12 has been given to Chinese Govt	11/7
	258	" 14	Publication "Customs Gazette" transmitted	11/7
✓	259	" 17	Consular Court Regulations of Japan in China. Copy sent. Reply to 200.	11/13
	260	" 21	Meeting of Military Surgeons at Kansas City. Previous invitation had already been declined. Ltr 10/July 31	11/13
	261	" 25	Page (Anthony Pollock) Circ. of Aug 1 has been made known to Chinese Govt	11/13
	262	" 25	Books for legation, Supreme Court Reports, have been received.	11/17
	263	" 30	Sanitary measures against the plague. Enforcement of, at treaty ports, is hampered by the lack of necessary funds. Em's correspondence with Consul at Newchwang and Yamen	11/13.
	264	Oct 2	"192 to 202 and unnumbered to August 31 acctd)	11/22
✓	265 ✓	" 7	Riot in Shantung. A Satisfactory indemnity has been paid Mr Chalfant. Ref to 232	11/22
	266	" 10	Sanitary measures against the plague. Yamen has assisted local authorities at Newchwang to expend 10000 taels. Em's correspondence with Consul & Yamen Ref to 263	11/22
	Tel	" 5	Canton "Bedloe should never be reinstated in China."	10/25.
	—	" 10	Leave of 60 days to visit the US in 1900 requested.	11/22
H. E. Squiers, Secy Edwin H. Conger, E&MP.	267 ✓	" 11	Concession to Japan announced in tel. of Sept 1 has not yet been perfected.	11/16.
✓	268 ✓	" 26	Alliance between Japan and China. Negotiations are to be conducted at Peking and a distinguished Jap Statesman, Baron Nissi Tokujiro, will conduct them as E&MP. Ref to 248	11/16.
	269	Nov 1	"203 to 212 and unnumbered to Sept 1 acctd)	11/16.
	270	" 2	Sanitary measures against the plague taken at Newchwang are calculated to stamp out the disease Em's text of agreement between Taotai and Consuls.	11/16.
	Tel	" 7	Chinese Admission of, to the States. Exposition. Repeat from four to 'treaty' your cipher tel. of the 2nd	9/7
	271	" 9	Fuchau. Exequatur has been forwarded to Vice Consul Searcy.	11/13
	272	" 9	Test of tels from and to Dept	11/13
	273	" 21	Postal Conventions of Washington. Circ of Sept 23 has been given to Chinese Govt	11/13
✓	273a ✓	" 12	Post of Yao Chou fu, in Hunan, will be opened on Nov 13.	11/13
✓	274	" 22	Military reforms and revision of treaties in regard to duties. A board has been appointed to examine both questions. Brief particulars given.	11/13
	275	" 22	Return to Peking from his inspection tour on Nov 21 reported.	11/13
	276	" 23	Santos. Vice Consul at is not the same W. H. Lawrence who was Secy of legation at Rio in 1892.	11/13.
	277	" 25	High Commissioner of Trade. Li Hung Chang has been appointed; decree encl	11/13
	278	" 26	Assistance to American China Development Co has always been freely given. Em's C. Cary's letters disposing of apparent complaints in "191.	11/13.
✓	279 ✓	" 27	Exclusion of Chinese from Philippines Islands. Em's note from Yamen requesting suspension of military orders rel to the.	11/13
✓	280 ✓	" 27	France and China. Difficulty between growing out of a conflict over the cession of Kwang Chau Bay and the execution of two captured French naval officers. French demands, at first rather moderate, have not yet been granted.	11/13
	281	" 27	Salt. Importation of, into China, being prohibited Chinese Govt. requests explanation of items in monthly summary of Treasy Dept rel to that article.	11/13
	282	" 28	Newspapers for legation. NY Herald and Washington Post requested.	11/13
✓	283 ✓	" 28	Passports refused to Logan H. Roots and Oliver J. Logan who decline to declare any intention to return. Em's applications and correspondence	11/13
✓	284 ✓	" 30	Witness fees in the murder case tried in Canton have not been paid, and for the good name of the Consular Courts should be ordered paid by the Court	
✓	✓	✓	Disbarment of Mowrey and Britton, ordered by Emben. at Hongkong because of their refusal as prosecuting attorneys to cover said costs, appears to be ultra vires. Em's correspondence in the case.	11/13.
	285	Dec 1	"214 and Circulars and unnumbered not acctd)	12/20.

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Edwin H. Conger, Envoy	Tel.	Dec 2	Chinese agitator. "Chinese Minister, Washington, telegraphs that Kang Yu Wei entered the U.S. and was expelled by authority. Li Hung Chang for Empress wishes to know what action, if any, was taken."	1/2
	286	" 5	Same subject: Text of tel. to from Dept. Li Hung Chang pleased at action taken.	1/20.
	287	" 6	Publication Medical reports for first half of 1899 transmitted	1/20
	288	" 6	Assistance to American China Development Co. Reports legation's action and incl correspondence giving somewhat negative results.	1/20.
	289	" 7	Danger to Missionaries in Shantung from riots between Converts and members of the Chinese Secret Society "The Boxers" who are receiving at least tacit support from the Governor who was finally removed at the legation's suggestion. Encl correspondence	1/20.
	290	" 9	Japanese Concession at Amoy has been consummated. No effort is being made to obtain an international foreign settlement. Americans could not maintain ship. Enc's report from Consul at Amoy.	1/20.
	291	" 11	Consular jurisdiction in leased territories. All dep. representatives, except Japanese, concede that sovereignty has passed to lessee Memo. in Desp. 205 is substantially correct.	1/20.
	292	" 12	Publication Customs Gazette trans'd	1/20.
	293	" 19	Chinese trading under foreign names for the purpose of evading taxes. Enc's complaint of Yamen against the practice and his reply with Desp. to Consul to warn Am. residents	1/21
	294	" 20	Vice Roy Li Hung Chang has been appointed V. Roy of the Two Kiwang Provinces vice Tan Chung-lin, recalled, at the instance of the French representative Change is generally approved	1/21
	295	" 20	Arrest and flogging of Chinese employés of an American merchant at Chingkiang. Consul Overton insists that punishment of the delinquent Chinese official shall be inflicted at the place where the offence was committed, and in view of spreading anti foreign sentiment his course is sustained by the legation.	1/21
	296	" 20	Patent, Chinese, purchased by American Missionaries Dunner & Brewster. The Chinese Govt will not protest as, because the matter is not provided for in treaty. Enc's correspondence	1/21
	297	" 21	Political conditions in China remain practically unchanged; a price has been set upon the head of agitator Kang Yu Wei in Hongkong; disaffection in the South and West growing; Russia and France making rapid progress in the North and South respectively; other powers comparatively inactive; any stip. with Chinese Govt concerning the open door policy would be useless.	1/21
	298	" 26	Agitator Kang Yu Wei decree offering liberal reward for, dead or alive, Enc'd	1/21
	299	" 28	Embargo on pheasant skins has been decreed through the action of the Dip Corps upon a petition of the Society for the Protection of game in China.	1/21
	300	" 29	Wharfage. Sam. Ku. ao. Dep. Corps has consented to a 2½ tax for defined purposes while maintaining the principle that no tax can be levied states not provided by treaty. Correspondence Enc'd. Reply to 207.	1/21
	301	" 30	Railroad Concession granted to Belgian engineer A Ronffort is, in fact, a Russian concession; its commercial and strategical importance; Brit Minister has filed a protest.	1/21
	302	" 31	Inspection of Ud. Consulates in China. Full report of his tour of, in the U.S.S. "Princeton". Amounts & vouchers Enc'd.	1/21
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	303	Jan. 1	215, 216 and unnumbered Desps cited	1/21
	304	" 2	European aggression and encroachments. Enc's two decrees issued to all Vice Roys Generals and Governors enjoining firmness and union against.	1/21
	305	" 4	Claim of the American Trading Company. Chinese Govt denies settlement of the Enc's correspondence and requests instructions.	1/21
	306	" 5	Agitator Liang Chi Chao. Request of Li Hung Chang that he be not allowed to land in the U.S. trans'd. Requests Treasy regulations in regard to exclusion of Chinese without certificates or with certificates issued by other Govt than the Chinese	1/21
	Tel	" 5	Danger to Missionaries in Shantung "An English missionary murdered in Shantung. Imperial Edict issued represses request, orders punishment of murderers and derelict officials."	1/5
	307	" 6	Same subject. Confirms above. Viceroy of Nan. Dr Brooks awakened a sense of responsibility in the Yamen and dictated energetic measures for the repression of anti foreign riots.	1/21
	308	" 9	Tea trade of Amoy. Reduction of the Enc's letter by James N. Jamieson ascribing the to the excessive taxes in China and the competition of Formosa tea favored by Jap's discrimination	1/21

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Edwin H Conger Ellsm't	309	Jan 9	Leave of 60 days, to visit the Ud., requested.	2/11.
	310	" 9	"217 acknd"	2/11
✓	311	" 13	Claim of the American Trading Co. Refusal of Chinese Govt to settle is based on the ground that Customs laws do not require a vessel to declare port of destination; attention has been called that in the premises promise was demanded that the ship would not go to Japan	2/28
H G. Squiers, Esq	~	" 22	Indebtedness to dentists. Messrs Roe's bill was not paid because it included an item that was not chargable to him; it will be paid after deduction of said item. Reply to Nov 27.	2/13
Edwin H Conger, Ellsm't.	✓ 312	" 15	Danger to Missionaries. Decree issued which enjoins discrimination between dangerous and lawful societies. It is looked upon as destroying the effect of that in "307 and German Minister has already made oral representations.	2/19
	313	" 22	Death of Vice President Hobart Acks Circ. of Nov. 21.	2/19
✓	314	" 24	Rights of Catholic Clergy. Protestant missionaries, with few exceptions, are averse to demanding the same privileges. Gives reasons and Acks expressions of opinion. No action will therefore be taken as Desp. 192, unless further instructed.	2/19
Tel		" 24	Heir to the Chinese throne. "Unusual Imperial decree published yesterday summoning all high officials to an audience at the Imperial Palace to day. Purpose unknown, but Imperial trouble feared."	2/24
Tel.		" 25	Same subject. "Imperial decree appoints Pu Chun, aged 14, heir apparent"	2/25.
315		" 29	Same subject. Ens decree above referred to, and gives a brief sketch of the heir apparent and of the motives which led to the election. Abdication of the Emperor is looked upon as likely to occur in the near future.	2/19
✓ Tel ✓		" 28	Postal Arrangement between China and Ud. "Chinese Govt agrees to postal arrangement as amended by Postmaster General's memorandum in Dis's Desp. No 194. Have no authority to sign stating date taking effect. Important conclude arrang't immediately"	2/28.
✓ 316 ✓		" 29	Danger to Missionaries increasing from the effect of the decree in "312: the Govr of Shantung recalled for his abrogating received official honors of the Govt; Ens's note remonstrating against this, and identical note sent by representatives of Ud Britain, Germany and France demanding the dispersion of the "Boxers" and "Big Sword" societies.	2/19
317		" 31	Chinese representatives in the Ud. Favorable impression of Minister and Consul at San Francisco in Des. 219 will be conveyed when it can be done without detriment to them.	3/19
318	Feb. 1		"217 to 219 and unnumbered Desp's acknd"	3/19
Tel		" 1	"Postal Arrangement signed to day."	3/1
✓ 319 ✓		" 1	Same subject. Confirms above and Ens's arrangement as signed	3/19
320		" 5	Heir to the Chinese throne. Ens's notes from & to Tsung li Yamen rel to the election of the.	3/19
Tel		" 8	Arbitration of the Brit claim of the SS "Kowshing." "Chinese Govt requests that Ud Amb. at London act as arbitrator in Steamer Kowshing case."	3/8.
✓ 321 ✓		" 10	Same subject. Text of Ltrs to & from Dep. and notes from & to Tsung li Yamen	3/28.
322		" 11	New Years, Chinese Visit to the Tsung li Yamen by the Dip. Corps, on the occasion of the, reported.	3/28.
✓ 323 ✓		" 13	Exclusion of Chinese from the Philippines. Yamen again urges that it be not enforced. Ens's notes and advises compliance with the request	3/28.
324		" 15	Agitators Kang Yu. Wei and Liang Chi-Chao. Reward for the delivery, dead or alive, of, has been increased to 100,000 taels. Ens's decree. Other instances of the enactment in the Palace given.	3/28.
325		" 20	Cipher, Slater's, code. Recommends the continuance of, for use between Consuls and Legation	4/6.
✓ 326 ✓		" 21	Rights of Catholic Clergy. Re Shanghai Missionary association while claiming the, have no semi for official rank and position. Ens resolution. Refers to 314.	4/6.
327		" 21	Chinese representatives in the Ud. Des: 219 has been complied with. Yamen replies that retention of Min. and of Consul at San Francisco depend upon the Statute.	4/6.
✓ 328 ✓		" 22	Claim of the American Trading Co. The Yamen offers $2000, and the Company demands Tels 22,000, neither party yielding to the other. Expresses the opinion that Chinese offer should be accepted. Ens's correspondence and reports action.	4/11
329		" 22	New years' Audience and banquet to the Dip. Corps. Reports ceremonies and Ens's list of addresses by the Dean of the Dip Corps, and replies of the Emperor and Prince Chun.	
✓	~	~	Political. Change of plans as regards abdication of the Emperor may be ascribed to the fear of an uprising entertained by the Dowager Empress.	
✓	~	~	France and Russia are fortifying their hold on the South & North of China respectively	4/11
✓ 330 ✓		" 24	Impediments to Trade with Shanghai. Dip. Corps show no disposition to urge improvements on the Wang poo River. Reply to 220	4/11

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Edwin H Conger, E&MP	331	Feb 26	Cable address of the legation. Suggests that the word Minister be omitted	4/11
	332	" 26	Danger to Missionaries in Shantung. Enc's letter from Presbyt. Missions ascribing it to German activity and aggression in that province	4/11
	333	" 26	Railway between Tientsin and Newchwang completed; communication with St Petersburg now open; line from Vladivostock to Port Arthur will be completed in August	4/11
	334	Mar 1	"220 to 225 and 227	4/11
	335	" 6	Census of China. None taken since 1812	4/23
	336	" 7	Customs Countries for Belgian Chargé d'affaires to China requested	4/23
	337	" 8	Resources of China. Report for Isthmian Canal Com'n by Chs. H. Jamieson. Encl	4/22
	Tel	" 9	Danger to Missionaries in Shantung. Referring to your Tel. 223 and my dispt. No 316 Missionary troubles still spreading. The situation very critical. The Mins. of England France Germany Italy and the Nd. to day sent F.O. second series identical note demanding publication of strong Imp. decree without delay. If Chinese Govt. absolutely refuse and the situation does not materially improve I advise naval demonstration by war vessels of each Govt. should be made in North China waters. My colleagues have telegraphed their govts. similarly	3/9
	338	" 10	Same subject. The Tsung li Yamen, while issuing orders for the prohibition of the "Boxer" Society did not mention the "Big Sword" Society, and declined to publish the satisfactory decree of the Viceroy of Shantung, notwithstanding identical note referred to in tel of Mar 9. Urges naval demonstration and as the most effective means of securing compliance with Dip Corps's request the sending of a marine guard to Peking. Enc's decree correspondence	4/23
	339	" 10	Same subject. Late Governor of Shantung Yu Hsien. Enc's caveat against appointing him to any place having jurisdiction over missionaries.	4/23
	340	" 12	Same subject. Requirements of Gov. of Shantung as to names, denominations and passports of missionaries, are objected to by the latter, but owing to existing danger, approved by the legation. Enc's correspondence with Consul at Chefoo	4/23
	341	" 12	Publication "Chronicle and Directory for China" transmitted.	4/20
	342	" 13	Anti foreign propensities of the Chinese Govt. evidenced in the decree ordering punishment of literati whose chief, though unmentioned offence is association with Christians.	4/23
	343	" 16	Danger to Missionaries in Shantung. Yamen requests that missionaries should present their passports and apply for military escort when journeying in Shantung. The request is denied, under the treaty, which provides that passports shall be produced if demanded. Enc's correspce with Yamen and missionaries.	5/3
	344	" 23	Consular jurisdiction in leased territories. Dip. Corps agree in the opinion that it can be exercised only upon an acquiescence of the Power in possession of the territory	5/10
	345	" 23	Anti foreign Governor Yu Hsien, in spite of caveat enc'd in No 339, has been appointed Gov. of Shansi in which there are large Brit interests. German and British Ministers will protest	5/10
	346	" 24	Indemnity for Chinese Converts injured by Secret Societies. The question of demanding one, will soon arise; discusses the pros and cons of such a step, and asks for cable instructions.	5/10
	347	" 26	Protection of Chinese employés of American firms. Enc's his instruction to Consul at Shanghai, in regard to the case submitted in No 231, directing him to sustain Cons. Quantin's action. Refers to his No 243.	5/10
	348	" 26	Passports to disreputable women. Instr. to Consul at Chefoo conflicts with No 204; asks which of the two stands.	5/10
	349	" 28	Publication. Imperial Maritime Customs Gazette transmitted.	5/10
	350	" 29	Newspapers for legation. Asks that the same be continued	5/10
	351	Apl 1	"226 to 235 and unnumbered Instr. dated	5/16
	352	" 5	Trade between the Nd. and China has increased 57% in the last year. Enc's comparative statements for seven years.	5/16
	353	" 9	Postal Conventions of Washington. Circ. of Feb 27 has been communicated to Ch. Govt	5/16
	354	" 9	Canton Recognition has been granted to Consul Dye Wade at	5/16
	355	" 10	Right to hold property in treaty ports is guaranteed by Art XII of the Tientsin Treaty. Reply to No 239.	5/16
	356	" 12	Disturbances in Shantung. While the request that decree be published in the Peking Gazette has not been complied with, proclamations naming the objectionable Societies have been posted in Shantung, and offenders have been arrested. Enc's correspce with Yamen	5/16

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357	April 12	International Institute of Peking. Rev. Gilbert Reid received compliments from the Yamen for his intended but was denied active cooperation of the American Govt. Rep. to 199.	5/26.
358	" 16	Free entry secured for American merchandise imported at Shanghai for exhibition, on condition that bond will be deposited and accurate list of goods files. Emb's comm'n	5/26.
359	" 16	Protection of missionaries in Shantung. Em's letter from the Presbyterian Mission at Chefoo reciting objections to requirements set forth in No 240 and legation's reply.	5/26.
360	" 16	Disturbances in Shantung. Decree of Feb. has at last been published in the Peking Gazette; embodied in a report from the Viceroy of Chili.	5/26
361	" 19	Improvements at the new port of Chung Wang Tao. Plan & description Em's.	6/4.
362	" 19	Secret Societies. Decree making a distinction between local volunteers or train bands and the dangerous associations, but warning them against molestation of Christians, Em's	6/4.
363	" 25	Ministers of China to Russia and Austria. Yinei Chun, a promising young man, has been appointed.	6/4.
364	" 30	Chinese trading under foreign names. Con. at Chinkiang is informed that the use of American name, even though said Americans be a partner, does not entitle Chinese firms to protection of the Ld.	6/11
365	May 1	236 & 246 asked	6/11
366	" 1	Rights and privileges of Catholic Clergy. Brit Govt has decided not to claim the. for British Missionaries. Em's newspaper clipping.	6/11
367	" 1	Claims of American Trading Co. Arbitration has already been suggested with the result reported in Desp. 328. Rec 244.	6/11
367a	" 3	USS "Wheeling" arrived at Taku April 7th and sailed for Shanghai Apl 30.	6/18
368	" 8	Danger to Missionaries. Adm's No 246, punishment of the ring leaders in anti foreign cases has again been asked; as to the officials, the well known disinclination of the Chinese Govt to comply with request for their punishment suggests the wisdom of refraining from making any; gives some details of the manner in which the Boxers recruit adherents, and encloses specimens of placards by which anti. foreign feeling is aroused; representations have been made against the anti foreign demonstrations made in Peking.	6/18.
369	" 14	Uprising in China. British Commission of demarcation at Wei Hai Wei attacked by natives; Chinese Commissioners are believed to have instigated the attack.	6/25.
370	" 15	Text of Min's tel. of May 12	6/25.
371	" 15	Mining Concession. Assistance will be given to Hankow Canton Ry. as directed in tel of May 7.	6/25.
372	" 18	Uprising of Boxer Society. Em's letter and tel. to Adl Kempff requesting warship at Taku	6/25.
373	" 21	Census Statistics. None obtainable in China.	7/3
374	" 21	Disbarment of attorneys, by Consul General at Shanghai, from all Consular Courts in China. Ans's 247 and requests subsequent corresp's with the Conseil	7/3.
375	" 21	Open door policy. Corresp's in Circ of Mar 26 has been given to Chi Govt	7/3.
Tel	" 21	Uprising "Boxers greatly increased in this province and in and around Peking Village 40 miles Peking burned. 60 native Catholics killed. No foreigners attacked. Chinese Govt aroused and promises immediate suppression. Dip. corps demands immediate effective measures. Seymour en route Taku. I hope and believe the worst has passed."	5/21.
376	" 21	Same subject. Confirms above, reports his interview with Tsung li Yamen, Em's demands made by the Dip corps and letters from Missionaries.	7/3.
377	" 25	Birthday (30th) of the Emperor on July 24. Suggests congratulatory message for the Pres't	7/3
378	" 25	Transit of Chinese laborers through the Ld. Regulations governing the Reg't	7/3.
379-387		Entered after No 397 on page 109.	
Tel	" 22	Postal arrangement between Ld and China: "Referring Ins's 200 records show original agreement mailed Department. Please examine document and reply."	5/22.
Tel	" 26	Uprising." Situation unchanged. If it is necessary and the other powers bring them Peking, can I arrange with admiral for legation guards."	5/26.
Tel	" 29	Same subject. Boxers increasing. Nine methodist converts brutally murdered at Paotow. The movement has developed into open rebellion. Chinese Govt is trying but apparently is unable to suppress it. Many soldiers disloyal. Several railroad bridges and stations near Peking burned. Legations have ordered guards."	5/29.
Tel	June 1	Same subject. "Three hundred fifty English, Russian, French, Japanese, Italian and American guards arrived last night materially quieting the situation in Peking. Boxers are still active in the country."	6/1

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Edwin H Conger, Et&MP	Tel	June 1	Postal arrangement with China "Please answer telegram 22nd"	6/1
	Tel	" 2	Arrest of Zimmerman, bearer of Del's passport, at Port Arthur for evasion of Russian military service reported.	6/2
	Tel	" 4	Uprising." Outside of Peking, murders and persecution by Boxers increasing Paotingfu Railway temporarily abandoned. Work on Peking Hankow line stopped. All foreigners fled Chinese Govt cannot or will not suppress. Troops do not attack Boxers. Relations between factions of Imperial advisers very much strained. Situation very critical."	6/4.
	Tel	" 4	Same subject. Situation worse. It is possible we may be besieged in Peking with Railways and telegraphs cut. In that case, I ask, as my colleagues are doing, that necessary instructions be given Admiral concert with other chiefs of squadrons at Taku to take measures warranted by the situation to eventually deliver Peking."	6/5
	Tel	" 4	Fate of Missionary" Pitkin safe at Paotingfu."	6/4
	388	" 4	"247 to 254 and unnumbered instructions asked)	9/25
	Tel	" 5	Postal arrangement with China." I advise ~~delay~~ postal negotiations await despatch"	6/-
	389	" 6	Same subject. Confirms above; delay is advised by reason of the absence of Jules van Aalst Postal Secretary and of the condition of affairs	9/25
	Tel	" 5	Uprising." More ships are badly needed at Taku	
	Tel	" 7	Same subject" Situation nowhere improved. Tientsin seriously threatened and railway again cut. Chinese Govt still temporizing. If diplomatic corps decides it is necessary to demand special audience with Emperor, shall I join"	6/7
	Tel	" 8	Same subject." Iron Railway destroyed. Protecting troops withdrawn Chinese Govt becoming more helpless every day. Foreign troops will have to protect railway. Russian, English and Japanese are ready to do so. Twenty four foreign vessels at Taku. The US. has only one."	6/8.
	Tel	" 8	Same subject. "Most of my colleagues propose demanding an Audience with Emperor the demand to be insisted upon, and to state to the throne that unless Boxer war is immediately suppressed and order restored foreign powers will be compelled themselves to take measures to that end. Shall I join. Answer quick"	6/9
	Tel	" 8	Safety of Missionaries." Paotingfu missionaries safe up to the present. Chinese Govt has sent troops and promises ample protection but this does not insure permanent safety. Impossible to send foreign relief from forces now here".	6/11
	390	" 8	Same subject. Text of Tel from Mr Pepper	9/25
	391	" 11	Uprising. Outrages of the Boxers and inaction of the Chinese Govt; measures taken for the protection of American missionaries; permission to bring additional guards refused; railway and telegraph communication cut. American and British Admirals telegraphed to and advised to advance on Peking if possible appointment of Prince Tuan and other anti foreign officials to the Tsung li Yamen; necessity for relief and for changing the present Chinese Govt; urgent. Text of Tels from June 5 to June 8; Imperial decrees against the Boxers, appointing Prince Tuan, notes to and from the Tsung li Yamen in regard to the protection of Missionaries.	9/25.
	Tel	" 11	Same subject." Prince Tuan, father heir apparent has been appointed President of the Tsung li Yamen with three other new ministers, all greatly opposed to foreigners; Situation not improved, seven hundred additional guards are coming repairing railway en route. Their arrival will assure safety foreigners here."	6/12
	392	" 15	Same subject. Confirms above; legations are besieged and hoping for the arrival of relief; further outrages reported. Boxers openly or covertly assisted by the soldiers; communications with the Yamen interrupted	7/24.
	395	" 18	Same subject. Soldiers taking part in the attacks on the legations; incendiary fires in Peking; interview of Mrs. Conger with two members of the Tsung li Yamen who manifest protection but virtually confess their powerlessness; edicts issued upon the murder of the Japanese Chancellor &c &c.	9/24.
	Tel	July 6	Same subject. "For one month have been besieged in British legation under continued shot & shell from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent a general massacre"	
William W. Rockhill, Supt Cust.	1	" 25	Departure for China will be made from Washington July 28 and fr San Francisco Aug 3	7/28
	2	" 28	"2 acted.	7/30

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Edwin H. Conger, E&MP.	✓ Tel	Aug 3.	Uprising "Still besieged. Situation more precarious. Chinese Govt insisting upon our leaving Peking which would be certain death. Rifle firing upon us daily by Imperial troops. Have abundant courage but little ammunition or provision. Two progressive Yamen Ministers beheaded. All connected with legation after us well at the present moment. Advise Adjustment Chicago Conger. Desires and Porter. Paris."	8/7
	✓ Tel ✓	" 5	Same subject. "Yamen's request that foreign ministers leave Peking has been referred by all to their respective Govts. Only safe escort is foreign troops in sufficient force to protect 800 Europeans and 3000 native converts. 7 marines killed and 16 wounded. Latter doing well."	8/10
	✓ Tel ✓	" 9	Same subject. Unreliability of Li Hung Chang and condition of affairs reported.	8/14
	✓ Tel ✓	" 11	Same subject. Attitude of Chinese Govt and condition of affairs; names of killed, reported.	9/16
	✓ Tel ✓	" 14.	Same subject. Relief of the legations reported; denounces the treachery and brutality of the Chinese Govt and recommends severe punishment for its members. Asks that friends be advised of their relief.	9/
	✓ 394 ✓	" 16	Same subject. Brief account of entrance of the relief forces; attack on forbidden city stopped by Russian and Japanese Generals; Chinese Govt. exerted no effort except toward the extermination of foreigners.	
	✓ Tel ✓	" 17	Same subject. Entire city except Imperial palace occupied by 6000 Jap. 3000 Russians 2000 Americans 200 French and is being apportioned for police supervision. Chinese army fled. Imperial family and court gone westward, probably Tsiandu, Shansi. No representatives of Chinese Govt in sight. Conditions chaotic. Palace will be taken at once. Many missionaries start for home; others remain in care of 1000 Christian refugees"	9/22
	✓ 395 ✓	" 17	Same subject. Full report of the siege sustained by the legations; true character and purposes of Li Hung Chang; murder of the German Minister; Chinese Govt. directed all operations; destruction of life and property throughout China "map of Peking and scene of legation quarter sent."	10/3
	Tel	" 20	Telegrams. Request to arrange for the prepayment of his at Chefoo or Shanghai.	9/20.
William W. Rockhill, Spl Com. Edwin H Conger, E&MP.	Tel	" 21	Arrival via Japan reported. Expects to arrive at Peking next week.	9/21
	396	" 22	Reparation and reform. Plan of, submitted by American missionaries. Encl.	10/3
	397	" 24	Text of steps taken of June 11 and 16.	10/3.
	379 May 29		Chungking. Recognition has been granted to Henry B. Miller as Consul at -	10/24.
	✓ 380 Aug 29		Cipher. States Code. Key number adopted for use of this, is 113. Rep. to 254.	10/21.
	381	" 30	"252 agreed	10/24.
	✓ 382 ✓	" 31	Concession for an American settlement at Canton. Preliminary report on W. Whiting's inquiry in 253. As a rule foreign settlements involve great outlay of money, and American interests are too restricted to allow of such expenditure.	10/24.
	✓ 383 ✓	June 2	Uprising of the Boxers. Reports outrages committed by the Boxers, action taken by the Diplomatic Corps, arrival of guards for the legations, the Americans being the first to arrive, and end text of tels. and correspondence with the Tsung li Yamen	10/24
	✓ 384 ✓	" 2	Arrest of Samuel Zimmerman at Port Arthur. Confirms tel. of June 2, and reports such action as could be taken by the legation, Port Arthur now being under Russian jurisdiction	10/24.
	✓ 385 ✓	" 4	Safety of Missionary Pitkin. Text of tel. from to Dep.	10/24.
	✓ 386 ✓	" 4	Uprising of the Boxers. Confirms tel. of June 4. Chinese authorities unable or unwilling to suppress the movement; soldiers in sympathy with the insurgents: Imperial Cabinet divided as to policy toward foreigners: gives names of officials on either side and suggests that combined action of the Powers may become necessary	10/24
	✓ 387 ✓	" 4	Same subject. Confirms tel. of June 4; reports additional outrages of Boxers on the railway line, and situation at Paotingfu and Peking.	10/24.
	✓ Tel ✓	Aug 28	Same subject. "No important movements since last despatch. Military is trying to restore order. No representatives of Chinese Govt encountered yet. Several Ministers of the Tsungli Yamen reported in the city and are expected to appear soon. Generals decide not enter into Imp. Palace believing it practically vacant. 2000 Germans arrived today."	8/27
	✓ Tel ✓	" 25	Same subject. More Russian German French and Italian troops arriving and Imp. Palace will be entered Aug 28. Military promenade of all nations made through it, afterwards closed and guarded. This is necessary to forcibly impress Chinese. Prince Ching is expected in a few days. Have you instructions for me"	8/29.
	✓ Tel. ✓	" 26.	Same subject. "Thanks for kind offer. No funds at your disposal. Banish cable now at Tatsu. Please instruct Rosedale pay my official telegrams."	9/3.

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Edwin H. Conger, Envoy	Tel	Aug 28	Correct telegram 262 to read: "no funds needed, am entirely at your disposal"	9/6.
	Tel	" 27.	Siege of legations and attitude of Chinese Govt. Reply to §§ 2, 3 and 4 of Dep's tel. making specific inquiries as to.	9/3.
	Tel	" 28.	Negotiations for settlement. Suggests that a commissioner be ready to meet Chinese plenipotentiaries shortly to arrive, recites terms that should be urged and promptly carried out to avoid partition of China and general insurrection	9/6.
	Tel	" 28	"Military parade through Imperial Palace today. Only occupants 200 eunuchs and servants.	9/1.
	398	" 29	Text of tel. from ctg to Dep.	10/24
	399	Sept. 1	Siege of legations. Hospital report of casualties. Suggests recognition of services of Dr Gustav Velde, Surgeon of the German legation	10/24.
	Tel	Aug 30	Negotiations. Positive instructions requested in view of expected early arrival of Prince Ching. Murders of missionaries and converts reported. Edict of July 2 ordered missionaries to be driven away. Purposes of Russia.	
	Tel	Sept 3	Attitude of Chinese Govt during the siege. Denies reports in Newyork press that protection was extended to legations and foreigners.	
	H00	" 3	Same subject. Confirms above tel, cites instances of the Emperor's purpose to kill all foreigners after the refusal of relief expedition of 20 Sep moves: decapitation of pro foreign ministers, desecration of English graveyard, and murder of missionaries at Paoting fu reported	10/24
	H01	" 4	Same subject. Proclamations calling for contributions to the "Boxers" cause and setting a price for all foreigners captured alive.	10/24
	Tel	" 5	Massacre of Missionaries at Paotingfu has been reported by reliable messengers.	
	Tel.	" 5	Secretary of legation. "For Bacon. Secretary of legation. Family well. Wife children leave soon."	
	H02	" 5	Text of tel. from ctg to Dep of Aug 28 and Sept 5.	10/24.
	Tel.	" 6	Fate of Missionary "Hodges killed Paoting fu"	9/13.
	H03	" 6	Confirms above	10/20
	H04	" 6	Text of Dep's tel. of July 29. Aug 10 to ctg.	10/24
	Tel.	" 4	Supplies for legation. "Send general stationary supplies some way to arrive quickly through War Dep. or mail."	
	H05	" 6	Confirms above	10/24
William W. Rockhill Spl. Comr.	Tel.	Aug 30.	Departure for Peking will be made at once. Situation at Shanghai unsettled. 7000 foreign troops and 33 war vessels now there.	9/30.
	Tel	Sept 1.	Same subject. Still waiting for means of proceeding to Peking. Asks that text of Dep's tel. of Aug 24 be repeated.	9/1
	Tel	" 2	Negotiations. Li Hung Chang is not trustworthy and should not be sole negotiator. Presence of troops at Peking necessary at the present time.	
	Tel	" 3	Same subject. "I think return to Peking of Emperor and Empress, pledges to be given for their safety, should be insisted upon prior to accepting negotiations. Reliably informed that Viceroys Liu Kun Yi Liu Kun and Prince Ching associated with Li as negotiators Imperial decree."	9/3.
	Tel	" 4	Same subject. American Association are opposed to Li Hung Chang as negotiator and to withdrawal of troops, Li Hung Chang preparing to go North.	9/4
	3	" 5	Same subject. Confirms above and encs letter from the American Association	10/6.
	Tel.	" 5	Indiscretion, alleged. "Categorically deny any and every interview. Have had none. Only reference to policy that of circular letter July 3d. Can get no word from Admiral. Wired twice. No merchant vessel sailing during the next few days."	9/5.
	H	" 5	Confirms above	10/6.
	5	" 5	Siege of legations. Encs Article of the North China Herald correctly reciting events and part taken therein by Chinese Govt	10/6
	6	" 6	Text of tels. from ctg to Dep from Aug 24 to Sept 5.	10/6
	7	" 7	Missionaries. List of, killed or supposed to have been killed, as furnished by Dr. John R Hykes, encl.	10/6
	Tel	" 7	Condition of affairs. "Missionaries arriving West and Northwest report quiet everywhere along routes. Four Northwest provinces only disturbed. No further news. Will leave for Tsien Tsin tomorrow merchant vessel."	9/7

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Edwin H. Conger	✓ Tel	Sept 4.	Negotiations. Prince Ching's request audience with Dip. corps has been answered to the effect that the ministers can be seen separately; Russian min has been ordered to go to Tientsin: arrival of additional troops reported: admirals have been advised to allow Li to come to Peking.	9/4
	✓ Tel ✓	" 6	Same subject. Prince Ching and Li appointed Plenipotentiaries: French minister will insist on execution of Prince Tuan and note Russian and perhaps German ministers abstained negotiations; suggests that the negotiations be conducted at Shanghai	9/6.
	✓ H06 ✓	" 9	Difference between legation and Consul at Chefoo Reuters facts on which the legation charged the Consul with misleading the Dept. Ref to 264.	11/2
	H07	" 9	"263 acknd	11/2
	✓ H08.	" 10	Negotiations. Confirms tels. of Sept 4 and 6, and Emp's correspondence with Prince Ching on the subject of his appointment with Earl Li as negotiator	11/2
	H09	" 12	Text of Dept's tel. of Aug 30	11/2
	H10	" 13	"255" to 259 acknd.	11/2
	✓ Tel.	" 12	Negotiations. Withdrawal of Russian troops from Peking and their landing at Newchwang indicate purpose of settling in Russia's own way. Joint military occupation by one third of present forces essential: foreign powers must devise plan as early as possible.	9/12.
	✓ H11	" 13.	Same subject. Confirms and relates on the above tel; text of Dept's tel. rel to Russian proposal	11/2
	✓ H12	" 15	Massacre of missionaries and converts in Shansi by order of Yu Hsien. Emp's detailed account of the, and Yu's letter boasting of his action	11/9
	✓ H13 ✓	" 16	Negotiations have made no progress by reason of Li Hung Chang's protracted absence Return of the Emperor would facilitate matters and has been urged by Dip. Corps in informal notes: Emp's copys of his own to Prince Ching.	11/9.
	Tel.	" 18	Arrival of Special Com. Rockhill at Peking. reported.	9/18.
	H14	" 20	Same subject. Confirms above.	11/9.
	H15	" 20	Text of Dept's tel. of Sept 14.	11/9
	H16	" 20	Return of the Emperor to Peking Prince Ching will memoralize for the; Emp's the Prince's reply to his note in "H13.	11/9
William W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	Tel	" 10	Visit to Nanking. Vice Roy Nanking wishes to see me; shall go return Peking.	9/10.
Edwin H. Conger, E. E. & M. P.	✓ 417 ✓	" 22	Massacre of Americans at Paoting-fu—Emp's copy of letter from Dr. John Whery, giving particulars of the	11/22
Wm. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	✓ Tel. ✓	" 21	Negotiations—"Very carefully examined situation with the Ministers. Entirely concur with him all his views and steps he proposes in the interest of reestablishment order and peace. We agree as to no reduction military forces here until preliminary settlement has been made." Peking 21.	
Edwin H. Conger— E. E. & M. P.	418	" 24	Protection of Swedish and Norwegian missionaries—Confirms Dept's tel. 21st inst concerning the	11/22
	✓ Tel.	" 27	Negotiations—"Prince Ching to-day sends notice that he, Earl Li, Yangtsu and viceroys Liu Kwen and Chang Chih Tung are all to concert in peace negotiations. Jung Lu is in the interior and Li at Tientsin. No powers have yet been exhibited or request made to negotiate. Enemy evasive and hostile as ever outside Peking. No visible efforts of Chinese govt to restore order.	
	✓ 419 ✓	" 27	Same subject—Confirms above tel. and that of Sept. 24 not received and discusses situation at Peking, inclosing copy of corresp. with Prince Ching regarding extermination of Boxers by Chinese govt. Russia legation removed to Tientsin.	11/22
	Tel.	" 29	Russian legation has been removed Tientsin to day.	10/2
	420	" 30	Same subject. Confirms above telegram	11/22
	421	Oct. 1	#260, 269 and re May 15, 18, 24; June 1, 2, 2, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 12, 13, 14, 14, 16, 16, 18, 19, 27, 27, 27 asked.	11/22
Wm. W. Rockhill, Spl Comr.	Tel.	" 1	Attack on Peking Wang tae—"Admiral informed me last Thursday commanding officers naval forces made an agreement attack Peking Wang-tae, although now garrisoned Chinese force etc.	
	✓ 8 ✓	" 1	Negotiations—confirms tel's of Sept. 21 and Oct. 1—reports condition of affairs at Tientsin and Peking, views of Min. Conger and himself, outlook for negotiations and his intended visit to the viceroys of Nanking and Wuchang. Encl's memo. on the siege of Peking presented to Prince Ching and proposal for terms submitted to Min. for presentation to Dip Corps.	11/7.
Edwin H. Conger, E. E. & M. P.	✓ Tel. ✓	" 3	Punishment of high officials responsible for recent outrages. Substance of Imp. decree of Sept. 25. Recommended that most severe and lasting punishment be inflicted on—	
	✓ 9 ✓	" 3	Account for official telegrams inclosed. Grain reserve for maintaining amount of $1000 Native funds necessary to pay Cost. Expenses.	12/5.
Wm. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	✓ 9 ✓	" 3	Murder of Baron Von Ketteler—Imp. decrees rel. to funeral honors and displacement of Chinese official in Ch.	11/7
Edwin H. Conger, E. E. & M. P.	Tel.	" 4	Tel Sept. 29 asked—	
	✓ 422 ✓	" 4	Telegrams Aug. 25 and Sept. 5 confirmed. Encl's p/c for off. telegrams.	12/3
	✓ 423 ✓	" 4	Telegrams, Dept. Sept. 22 and 29 and from Leg. Oct. 1, 3 & 4 confirmed. Imp. decree naming punishment of high officials inclosed. U.S. policy in China.	

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Wm W. Rockhill Spl Comr	10	Oct. 4	Tientsin - provincial govt of - inel's agreement for the, reached by Comdrs of Internl forces.	11/7.
"	—	" 5	Massacre of Christians - edict of June 22 purporting protection of foreigners, really ordered the massacre of all Christians - Inel's letter from Rev. J. H. Hykes.	11/7.
Edwin H. Conger E.E. & M.P.	424	" 6	Tel. Dept. Oct 3 and tel. Leg. Oct 6 confirmed - Punishment of high official for outrages.	12/3.
	Tel.	" 7	Railroad from Yangtsun to Manlai - been held by the Russians - Recommends that pressure be brought on Russia, Germany and France to bring about assent to its being turned over to gen. manager Kinder who will repair and operate it.	
	425	" 10	Same subject. Above tel. confirmed. Necessity for immediately rebuilding railroad.	12/3.
Wm W. Rockhill Spl Comr.	Tel.	" 11	Arrival at Nanking reported - views of viceroy stated; he is in favor of U.S. policy and seems to be straightforward. U.S. Min. Conger has been advised.	
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	Tel.	" 12	Military expedition, large joint, started today from Tientsin and Peking for Paotingfu and Chentingfu. Americans, Japanese and Russians not going. I fear it will delay negotiations. Earl Li arrived yesterday, called today, says will be ready for negotiations soon. He doubts the authenticity of edict - my tel. of Oct 7.	
	Tel.	" 15	Edict my tel. Oct 7 came from source reliable, since, but cannot be verified. Consider it forgery.	
	426	" 15	Telegrams, Leg., Oct 7, 12 and 15 confirmed - punishment of high officials -	12/3.
	Tel	" 16	Negotiations. Proposition of Chinese plenipotentiaries. Recites five articles submitted to Diplomatic Corps and submits his own suggestions.	10/16.
Wm W. Rockhill Spl Comr.	Tel	" 17	Same subject. Proposition of Vice Roy at Hankow submitted.	10/17
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	427	" 19	Same subject. Confirms tel. of Oct 16. Ent's note from Prince Ching and Earl Li: Diplomatic Corps unwilling to enter upon negotiations without instructions. Purposes of the representatives of various countries reported: Expedition to Paotingfu met with no opposition.	12/13
	428	" 16	Expenses in removing barricades and debris amounted to $514.25 Mexican. Instructions as to draft requested.	12/13
W. W. Rockhill, Spl Comr.	11	" 22	Negotiations. Proposition of Vice Roy at Hankow. Ent's dep'o tel. of Oct 20 and reports action thereon.	11/21.
	Tel	" 22	Same subject: "Tel. recd. Propose going to Peking next week. Full report of general situation will go to you by next Saturday's mail. Request instructions as to length of stay at Peking as winter is approaching."	10/22
	12	" 22	Looting. Request of Provisional Govt. of Tientsin for the return of silver taken by U.S. forces, transmitted.	11/21.
	Tel	" 25	Anti foreign appointments in the Yangtze provinces. Reports apprehensions of the friendly Vice Roys and suggests representations.	10/25
	"	" 25	Confirms above.	
	13	" 25	Negotiations - Views of the friendly Vice Roy Liu K'un Yi at Nanking reported. Condition of affairs in the Yangtze Valley; suggestions as to course of negotiations. Newspaper clippings encl.	11/22
	14	" 25	Boxer movement in Shan tung suppressed by Gov. Yuan Shih Kai. Ent's newspaper report of the Gov's successful operations.	11/22
	15	" 25	Revolutionary movements of the Reform Party "Triads" are taking great importance. Objects of the movement still uncertain. Ent's newspaper articles.	11/22
	Tel	" 24	Punishment of leaders. "Have reliable information to the effect that Yu Hsien committed suicide 22nd."	10/27
	16	" 27	Boxer movement. Effects of, in the treaty ports reported; number of Americans killed; letters from American firms on condition of affairs encl.	11/21.
	17	" 28	Punishment of anti foreign leaders. Reports information concerning the death of Kang Yi and Yu Hsien the whereabouts of Princes Tuan and Chuang, and the departure of Gen. Tung Fu-hsiang with his troops for his native province of Kan su. Confirms tel of Oct 27.	12/3
	18	" 27	Return of the Emperor to Peking. Ent's decree reciting conditions on which it will be effected. Yangtze Vice-Roys concur in the same	11/22
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	Tel.	" 23	Negotiations "No Government has more than one Commissioner but I should be much pleased with Rockhill as counsel and adviser. Any additional number would embarrass negotiations."	10/20
	429	" 25	Same subject. Confirms above and repeats dep'o tel. of Oct 19: French proposition seems to afford an acceptable base for negotiations: Envoys of China at the made treaty port	11/13

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Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & M.P. ✓ 430	Oct 26	Anti foreign appointments in the Yang Tsze Provinces. Li Hung Chang denies that the present Vice Roys are to be removed; a protest has nevertheless been filed against any such action as violative of professed intentions of China.	12/13.
Tel	" 25	Same subject. Li Hung Chang denies intention to remove Vice Roys.	
Tel	" 26	Punishment of anti foreign leaders. "As Art I in treaty the Dip. Corps unanimously agree to demand as an ultimatum death of the nine persons named in Imp decree mentioned in my Tel. of Oct 3d adding Tung Fu Hsiang and Yu Hsien and naming others for commensurate punishment when discovered do you approve? I advise it. I have protested against removal Yangtze Vice Roys or the appointment of reactionary officials.	10/26.
✓ 431 ✓	" 27	Same subject. Confirms above, reports proceedings of the meeting of the Dip Corps and gives names of officials whose death has been demanded; reasons for supporting the demand.	12/13.
Tel	" 27	Return of the Emperor to Sekung. "Li says Emperor has given no intimation of returning and no one can speak for him. We may have to accept restored order and punishment of designated leaders as sufficient proof of Imperial authority without his early return."	10/24.
✓ 432	" 30	Confirms above and Dep's Tel. of Oct 22	12/13.
Tel	" 28	Indemnity for native Christians. Requests instructions in regard to demand of; Russian Minister opposes.	10/28
433.	" 30	Military Attaché. Urges appointment of as. and asks that Lieut J.H. Reeves be appointed by cable	
434.	" 30	Telegram repeated in #291 under date of July 29 was not from the legation	12/17
✓ 435 ✓	" 30	Indemnity for native Christians. While responsibility is practically acknowledged by the Chinese Govt, a demand would be attended with some difficulties. All Ministers have agreed to demand indemnity for Chinese employed by foreigners. Dest of tel	12/17
Tel Nov	1	Expedition to Paotingfu has returned Chaffee will telegraph particulars.	11/1.
✓ Tel ✓	" 1	Negotiations. Seems thus far unanimously agreed on by the foreign ministers resident; asks approval of intention to meet the Chinese plenipotentiaries when all other questions have been determined	11/1.
✓ 436 ✓	" 2	Same subject. Opposition of Russian Minister to measure proposed by Mr Conger for the removal and punishment of officials responsible for disturbances is probably based on idea that it is meant for the protection of missionaries; return of the Court to Peking improbable until Spring.	12/17
437	" 3	Remains of U.S. soldiers killed during and after the siege. Asks whether it is intended to remove them to the U.S. or provide for their burial at Peking.	12/17
✓ 438 ✓	" 3	Legation grounds. Necessity for more extensive, represented; other Ministers undertaking possession of lots adjoining their grounds: requests instructions in regard to the U.S. legation.	12/17
439	" 4	Text of telegrams from and to Dept of Oct 29.30 and Nov 1.	12/17
✓ 440 ✓	" 6	Looting by foreign troops. Encs protest of Li Hung Chang against the proceedings of expeditionary corps to Paotingfu; it has been returned to him by the Ministers of the countries represented on the corps. no answer will be returned.	12/17
Tel	" 3	Clerk for legation. Asks authority to employ a, at $100 per month.	11/3.
441	" 7	Same subject. Mr G. Coffman has been engaged as authorized by Dep's Tel. of Nov 5.	12/17
✓ Tel ✓	" 6	Negotiations. Bases agreed to by all Ministers except French and Russian, recited. Believes that they should be insisted on, even if separate conventions should be necessary	11/6.
442	" 7	(#270 to 273 and unnumbered Nov 7 asked).	1/7
443	" 7	(#270. asked)	1/7
444	" 12	(#280 asked)	1/7
445	" 13	Filipino Junta at Hongkong. Report of Military Attaché Mallory on the purchase of arms & ammunition by the, Encs for transmittal to War Dept	1/7
446	" 13	(#274 asked)	1/7
447	" 14	(#283 - 284 asked)	1/7
448	" 14.	Text of tels to & from Dept. of Nov. 6 and 14.	1/7
✓ Tel ✓	" 14.	Occupation by Russian army of large tract near Tientsin. Protest has been made against the, as property of Russia. Viceroy also claims a large settlement	11/14

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W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr	Tel	Nov. 10	Cipher. New Code "Can I transfer cipher code 24. Conger."	11/10
	19	" 12	Confirms above	1/7
	20	" 12	Condition of affairs at Tientsin and Newchwang Em's report of Consuls.	1/7
	21	" 15	"Harvey"	1/7
	22	" 16	Execution of Chinese Treasurer and other officials at Paoting fu by the foreign forces. Em's protest of Vice Roy Chang Chih tung, who requests good offices of the US to prevent further punitive executions.	1/7
W. E. Bainbridge, Sec Edwin H. Conger, Envoy	—	" 14	Leave of 60 days to visit the US requested	1/7
	HHG	" 14	Cipher. New. Em's receipt for Vol 24 of the, and asks receipt of circular for dating telegrams.	1/7
	450	" 16	Claims of American citizens for losses during Boxer disturbances. Em's statements (26).	1/7
	Tel	" 16	Execution of Chinese officials by foreign forces. "Under sentence of military court approved by Field marshal the Provincial Treasurer, a Tartar general and a lieutenant Colonel have been decapitated at Paoting fu.	11/16.
	451	" 16	Same subject Confirms above and gives particulars. While the punishment was deserved, its effect on Chinese Court will be such as to defer its return to Peking.	1/7
	452	" 17	Losses of members of legation during the siege. Em's statement of and requests appropriation by Congress.	1/7
	Tel	" 19	Punishment of ringleaders. "New Imperial decree Nov. 13th fixes punishment persons mentioned Imperial decree Sept 25th. Punishment in every case totally inadequate and is considered by diplomatic corps as farcical."	11/19
	453	" 20	Uprising in the South Reports from Canton indicate that it has collapsed	1/21
	454	" 20	Punishment of ringleaders. Confirms tel of Nov. 19 and comments on the leniency of the.	1/21
	455	" 20	Negotiations Acknowledges and comments upon the US tel of Nov 16 rel to points to be pressed; attitude of Russian and French ministers in regard to the indemnity; the world ultimatum in preliminary negotiations does not mean that conditions may not be slightly altered. Naval Station for the US should better be treated for separately	1/21.
	Tel	" 21	Same subject. "Russian Amb. still opposes second proposition my tel Nov. 6th. The English Amb. and German Amb. have been instructed for the present not to sign note without it. I deem it one of the most important demands. Instruct me fully upon suggestion contained in last paragraph my tel 6th. Your cipher tel. 9th not covering this point."	11/21
	Tel	" 23	Naval Station. Subject should not be mentioned until after completion of general negotiations; consent of Japan as to Samsa would be required; asks whether Chinese would answer.	11/23.
	Tel	" 23	Punishment of ringleaders. The corps insist on capital punishment for all except possibly Gen Tung Fu Hsiang.	11/23
	456	" 23	Philippines Smuggling of arms and ammunition into the by the Junta at Hongkong Em's Col. J. S. Mallory's report for transmittal to the War Dep	1/21
	457	" 23	"286 accd.	1/21
	458	" 26	List of tels from Chi to Dept from Nov. 19 to Nov. 23.	1/21
	Tel	" 24	Negotiations. "All Ministers have agreed unanimously to the demands enumerated in my tels Oct 26, Nov. 1st, 6th, 21st. See also my tel of 23d. We now only wait for some of them to receive instructions to sign the joint note.	11/24
	459	" 26	Same subject. Confirms above, Encloses full text of note as agreed upon; of other Ministers are so authorized it will be sent in as a joint note in which he will join under the exceptional circumstances of the case; points on which some disagreement was evidenced and compromise reached	1/21
F. D. Cheshire, Interpreter H. G. Squiers, Secy. Edwin H. Conger E. & M.P.	—	" 26	Leave to visit the US. in the spring or summer requested.	1/21
	—	" 28	Leave of 60 days to visit the US requested.	1/21
	Tel	" 27	Negotiations. "Russian Amb Cassini is here evidently as adviser of Chinese plenipotentiaries."	11/27
	460	" 30.	Filipino Junta at Hongkong. Em's report of Col J. S. Mallory on the doings of the	1/21
	461	" 30.	Protest against the presence of Gen Tung Fu-hsiang's presence at court and honors bestowed on Li Ping-heng. Em's list of identic notes.	1/21

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Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & Min.	H62	Dec 1	"279 to 286 acknd	1/24
	H63	" 1	Filipino Junta at Hong Kong. Report of Lt Col Mallory on the purchase of arms and ammunition by this; list of members.	1/24
	H64	" 1	Inventory of property formd in legation after the siege	1/24
	✓ H65 ✓	" 3	Property lost or destroyed during the siege. List and value encl	1/24
W. W. Rockhill, Spl Comr	Tel	" 4	Negotiations. "Referring Conger's tel. of to day it seems to me very important that no further changes be suggested as limit of mutual concessions seems to have been reached by dip. reps here. Prompt and final decision from you very desirable."	12/4
Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & Min.	Tel.	" 4	Negotiations. Full text of the note as unanimously agreed to. Majority prefer to retain the word "irrevocable" but will yield; asks authority to sign and whether he shall sign joint or identic note	12/4
	✓ H66 ✓	" 5	Same subject. Confirms above, repeats Dept tel. of Nov. 27 and recites his action toward bringing assent to change of wording as regards death penalty and the word irrevocable. British Minister the only one still awaiting instructions.	1/21
	✓ H67 ✓	" 6	Looting of the Chinese Observatory by the French and Germans, reported	1/21
	Tel	" 7	Concessions of territory. Demand for would be untimely and should be held in reserve. Remote location of temple of Agriculture makes unfit for legation guard	12/7
	✓ H68 ✓	" 7	Same subject. Confirms above; doubts the wisdom of acquiring territory or sphere of influence in China. Refers to tel of Sept.	1/21
	✓ H69 ✓	" 10	Passport application of Christopher M. Benjamin born in Siberia of a Russian father naturalized in 1867, Encl for the decision of the Dept	1/21.
	H70	" 11	Death of John Sherman. Circular of Oct 22 will be complied with	1/21.
	H71	" 11	"288 acknd	1/21.
	H72	" 11	Circular of Oct 19 acknd	1/21
	✓ H73 ✓	" 11	Murder of Revd Geo. L. Williams at Tai Ku, reported in "412 has since been confirmed. Rec 287.	1/21.
	✓ H74 ✓	" 12	Negotiations. Chinese Plenipotentiaries have not yet received documented powers. Encl text of edict announcing that powers have been issued	1/21.
	H75	" 12	Punishment of Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang. Encl decree banishing him to Kiansuh and disbanding 5500 of his troops. More severe punishment may be demanded later	1/21
	Tel	" 15	Losses sustained by members of the legation during the siege. "I do not desire appropriation requested my dest. Nov. 17th. Adree Hull."	12/15
	✓ H76 ✓	" 15	Confirms above	1/21.
W. W. Rockhill, Spl Comr	23	" 5	Text of tel. to the Dept. of Dec 4.	1/24.
	✓ 24 ✓	" 10	Open door policy. Suggests that action be taken to bring about incorporation into the forthcoming treaties declaration concerning the territorial integrity and administrative entirety of China. Refers to Dec. 11.	1/21
Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & Min.	H77	" 15	Furniture for offices and residences of Minister and Secretaries. Allowance of $4000 requested	1/30.
	Tel	" 16	Negotiations. British Minister's objection to the word irrevocable and proposal to add to the recital of conditions a statement relative to the occupation of Peking until after compliance; latter agreed to by German and Russian Ministers. Asks whether he shall accept.	12/16
	✓ H78 ✓	" 17	Same subject. Confirms above; the proposal apparently the outgrowth of the Anglo-German agreement; expresses his views concerning desirability of early withdrawal of troops and transfer of negotiations on questions of indemnity and commercial relations to Washington or some European capital.	1/30.
	H79	" 18	Filipino Junta at Hong Kong. Report of Col Mallory on the advisability of assisting Brit. Govt to expel the Emb for transmittal to the War Dept	1/30
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Commissioner	25	" 15	Negotiations. Transfer of to Washington or Europe, sets forth reasons which should command a; British amendment to the conditions already agreed to, is likely to retard settlement	1/30
	Tel.	" 20	Same subject. Urges that initiative for transfer of negotiations be taken by the U.S. Gives reasons for such a move.	12/20.
	Tel	" 20	Same subject. "While regretting word irrevocable, strongly urge accepting at once as omission seems impossible to secure. Further delay is most dangerous; greatly imperils negotiations as final agreement has been published."	12/20
	✓ 26 ✓	" 21	Same subject. Text of two tels. of Dec 20 to the Dept	1/21
Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & Min.	✓ Tel ✓	" 19	Same subject. Explains misunderstanding in regard to the word 'irrevocable'; believes it may be allowed to stand and asks whether he may yield if others insist upon retaining it.	12/20

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Edwin H Conger, Envoy	480	Dec. 28	Russian adviser to Chinese Plenipotentiaries. Confirms tel. of Nov. 27 rel to the arrival of Prince Ouchtomsky; he is instructed of meeting Chinese plenipotentiaries of progress of negotiations at Peking	2/11
	481	" 22	Text of Min's tel. of Dec. 19.	2/11
	Tel	" 20	Negotiations. Note including the word "irrevocable" and British amendment has been agreed to with the understand that no one is committed to joint military operations. US legation has acquiesced rather than be responsible for further delay and possible failure of negotiations.	1/10
	Tel	" 20	Same subject. Urges that he be authorized to sign the note; unanimity on the omission of the word "irrevocable" cannot be hoped for	1/20
	Tel	" 22	Same subject. Note has been signed and will be handed to Chinese Plenipotentiaries on the 24th	1/22
	482	" 23	Same subject. French and English texts of the note, and text of tels. from and to Dept. Enclosed; explains misunderstanding over the omission of the word "irrevocable" caused by an error of transmission in Min's cipher tel; hopes and believes that omission will have no serious consequences; reports his action and details concerning the place of meeting of the foreign and Chinese plenipotentiaries	2/11
	Tel	" 24	Same subject. First formal meeting with Prince Ching to day. Joint note placed in his hands. His and Li's full powers presented Li slightly indisposed was not present.	12/24
Wm Rockhill, Spl. Comm. Edwin H. Conger	—	" 27	~~Indemnities to be claimed against China~~	
	483	" 24	Same subject. Confirms above and gives full account of the meeting; text of full powers exhibited by Prince Ching and of remarks exchanged on delivery of the note.	2/11
	484	" 26	Military attaché, Lieut J. H. Reeves has reported for duty.	2/11
	485	" 26	Circular instruction of Oct 30, acted	2/11
	486	" 27	Filipino Junta at Hongkong. Con's for transmittal to War Dept report of Col Mallory of his conversation with Gov of Hongkong	2/11
	487	" 29	Newspapers for legation. San Francisco Chronicle and Washington Post requested. Those applied for on #350 have not been received.	2/11
	488	" 29	Legation grounds and guards. Reports upon requirements in money, men, and armament; suggests the purchase of Col Denby's or any other property and an appropriation by Congress of from $90000 to 100000	2/11
	Tel	" 30	Negotiations. "Chinese Plenipotentiaries notify us that the Emperor decrees acceptance of our demands as a whole and request further conference. They also ask that military excursions to the interior cease. I think they should cease at once"	12/30
	489	" 31	#287 to 298 and unnumbered Dispatches acted	2/11
	490	" 31	Chinese officials appointed or promoted by Imperial decrees. Gives list and character of; three of them are friendly to foreigners.	2/11
	491	" 31	Foreign Concessions at Tientsin. Confirms Tel. of Nov. 14 rel to occupation of large tract of territory by Russian forces; reports claims advanced by France, Belgium, Austria Hungary, and Japan to a new or extended concession: Con's correspondence with US Consul at Tientsin and diplomatic representatives at Peking, in regard to the protest of the US. against such action, and map of the Concessions of Tientsin. Advocates the acquisition by the US. of such a concession after reestablishment of Chinese authority.	2/11
	Tel.	1901 Jan. 1.	Negotiations for indemnities and treaties relations. Suggests that they can be more speedily and satisfactorily arranged in Europe or the US and that other Governments be consulted to that effect	1/1
	492	" 5	Murder of German Minister von Ketteler. Examination of Eushai charged with the, and particulars of the deed as confessed by him, reported	1/5
	493	" 5	Negotiations for indemnities and treaty relations. Tel of Jan 1 to Dept. discussion of interests of the several Powers in both questions prompted his recommendations; separate negotiations said to be going on between Russia and China.	1/5
	494	" 5	Text of Min's tel of Dec 29 received Dec 31.	1/5
W. W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	Tel.	" 6	Library of Mukden: "Replying your cipher tel 2nd I can learn absolutely nothing from Russian Minister. I am making further inquiries. I will leave for Washington on opening of navigation"	
	2nd	" 8	Same subject. Confirms above; Con's newspaper items relative to the removal of the library.	
			Return to the Ld. His reasons for making his	1/5

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Edwin H. Conger Esqr	Tel	Jan 7	Negotiations. "Acting upon memorial from Vice Roy Chang Chih tung, the Emperor has by decree ordered plenipotentiaries not to formally sign the protocol embodying our demands and the decree accepting them. This is evidently in hope of securing better terms. I consider them already accepted by former decree transmitted to us by the Chinese Plenipotentiaries and shall so insist on it. Prince and Li have telegraphed protest against last decree."	1/7
	495	" 8	Same subject. Confirms tels of Dec 30 and Jan 7; Encs note from Chinese Plenipotentiaries referred to in the former; decree referred to in the latter was issued upon the foreign ministers requesting the signing of a protocol embodying the demands and Imperial decree	1/8
	496	" 9	Customs Receipts. Falling off. Encs clipping from the Customs Gazette	1/8.
	Tel	" 8	Russia negotiating separately with China. "I am reliably informed that Russia and China have agreed to negotiate separate treaty and that the plenipotentiaries have been appointed already. Unless the Powers can be more definitely committed to continuing joint negotiations, I fear the concert will soon be broken."	1/8
	497	" 10	Same subject. Extension of Russian Concession at Tientsin. Encs notice of Russian Consul to his colleagues.	1/8.
	Tel	" 12	Negotiations. "Chinese plenipotentiaries have been ordered to sign protocol."	1/12
	Tel	" 13	Same subject. Instructions regarding indemnity and commercial treaty requested.	1/13
	Tel	" 16	Same subject. "Chinese plenipotentiaries have signed and delivered protocol."	1/16
	498	" 11	Same subject. Text of Dep's tel. of Jan 8.	1/16.
	499	" 12	Russia's negotiations with China for separate agreement. Confirms tel. of Jan 8. This new move is in accordance with the oft repeated declarations and actions of the Russian Ministr in favor of separate negotiations; points out the danger of similar action on the part of other Powers in regard to the integrity of Chinese territory. Draft of convention and accompanying report of Taotai Chou Mien Encd	1/15.
	500	" 14	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Statements numbered from 27 to 33 forwarded	1/15.
	501	" 14	Text of Dep's tel. of Jan 10.	1/15
	502	" 16	Degradation of Major Liao for saving the life of Rev. Thos. D Holmes and family at Kinhuan. Complaint of Holmes in No 289 has been referred to Consul General Shanghai who reports that instead of being degraded he has been promoted to Colonel at Hsing Chow. Encs U.S. Consul. Hykes letter	1/15.
	503	" 16	Postal Conventions of Washington. Circular of Nov. 27 will be given to the Chinese Govt when it is reestablished	1/15.
	504	" 17	Missionary work since the spread of the Boxer movement. Reports from Consuls and Archdeacon Encs	1/15.
			Americans killed during the troubles. List of, Encd	1/15.
	505	" 17	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Statements numbered from 34 to 39 transmitted	1/15.
			Claim of Chas Denby. Interest at 8% to be added to his statement.	
	506	" 19	Negotiations. Confirms tels of Jan 12 and 16; Encloses note from the Chinese plenipotentiaries presenting views and inquiries rel. to the signing of the protocol, withdrawal of foreign troops, punishment of Chinese officials and other points; submits his own views on the question	2/7
	507	" 21	Native Converts in Shansi. Relief of; Encs note to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries suggesting measures for their relief, and favorable reply thereto	2/7
	508	" 21	Filipino Junta at Hong Kong. Encs Capt Mallory's report rel to measures for the escape of Aguinaldo from the islands and a meeting of the junta in Paris.	2/7
W. W. Rockhill, Spl Comr.	Tel	" 23	Negotiations between Russia and China in regard to Manchuria. Position of Japan in regard thereto; Russian agreement as to administration of manchuria is contrary to previous declarations and if assented to would constitute dangerous	2/23
" " "		" 19	Reg[illegible] re manchuria - personal letter re	3/6.
	28	" 24	Confirms above	
Edwin H. Conger Esqr.	Tel	" 28	Negotiations. Signing of Chinese Plenipotentiaries called in #506. Answer will be that withdrawal of troops will depend not on mere acceptance but on execution of protocol. Foreign Ministers have not yet agreed on the question of what officials will be named for punishment. Attitude of the several Ministers in that regard	2/28.
	509	" 25	Death of the Queen of England. Note of condolence to and acknl of Br Min Encd	3/18
	510	" 25	Text of legation's tel. of Jan 13 rel to indemnities.	3/6.
	511	" 26	Negotiations. Signing of Chinese Plenipotentiaries. Confirms tel. of Jan 25, Encs text of joint note intimating that execution of the protocol was the prerequisite condition; attitude of the several Ministers on the question of punishment and posthumous honors.	2/28

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Edwin H. Conger, E. & M.P.	512	Jan 28	Text of tels. of Jan 26 and 28 from to Dept	3/18.
	513	" 28	Text of tels. sent of Jan 26.	3/18.
	514	" 28	Filipino junta at Hongkong. Report of Col Mallory on the alleged preparations for the escape of Aguinaldo which seem to be unsubstantiated; departure of members for Paris.	3/18.
	515	" 28	Claims of U.S. Citizens for losses sustained during recent disturbances. Statements Nos 40 to 54 incl.	3/18.
	516	" 29	Account for expenses incurred in removing barricades and cleaning legation	3/18.
	517	" 29	Publication Customs official Gazette transmitted.	3/18.
	518	" 30	Russian occupation of Newchwang and Manchuria. Encs reports of Con. Bandinell on condition of affairs in that.	3/18.
	Tel	" 30	Military occupation and guards. "It is now certain that powers will establish permanent legation guards and occupy points militarily between here and sea until final settlement. The scheme submitted by Waldersee likely to meet general approval; contemplates an international force of from 10 to 12000 men. U.S. prestige and interests demand they should participate. What can I say?"	2/30.
	519	" 31	Same subject. Confirms and comments above; Encs correspondence with Chaffee and letters of Gen Von Waldersee to the German Min. setting forth his scheme	3/18.
	520	Feb. 5	Indemnity question. Foreign ministers are still without instructions; ability of China to pay any very large amount discussed together with the means of raising the necessary revenues	
		"	Russian attitude apparently inclined to settling directly and separately with China in Manchuria; Encs list of demands said to have been made	3/18.
	521	" 5	Murder of American missionaries. Cons Gen Sowden to be added to the list in #504	3/18.
	522	" 6	Negotiations. Encs protocol and minutes of meetings of the Diplomatic Corps. between Dec 24 and Jan 16 transmitted	3/18.
	523	" 7	Railway Communication between Peking, Tientsin and Paotingfu restored; interest on bonds of the Tientsin Shanhaikwan road has been ordered paid by the Chinese Govt, it is still held by the Germans.	3/18.
	524	" 7	Book "Moore on Arbitration" requested for the legation.	3/18.
	525	" 7	#296 to 304 and unnumbered Encs received	3/18
	526	" 7	Claims of U.S. citizens. Refers to #515 and Encs nine additional statements	3/18
	Tel	Feb. 6	Punishment of leaders of Boxer movement. "Foreign ministers held conference with Chinese Plenipotentiaries yesterday. The latter presented the difficulties in the way of executing Prince Tuan, Chunglan and Tung fu hsiang, giving as secret Imperial decree promising more severe punishment to Tung later. They promise death of Chuang and Yu Hsien but urged leniency for the others and begged that they and the court be not placed in too difficult a position. The foreign Mins afterwards unanimously agree to demand capital sentence to be immediately commuted to exile for Tuan and Lan. Death penalty for others mentioned in decree, adding Yu Hsien, Chi Hsin and Hsu Cheng Yu. The two latter now prisoners of the Japanese here. Also posthumous honors for the four members of the Tsungli Yamen executed last summer. We noted promise as to Tung fu Hsiang."	2/6
	527	" 7	Same subject. Confirms above with particulars. Encs notes of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries, indictment of guilty officials. Secret decree relative Tung fu hsiang's punishment and memorials for which 4 members of the Yamen were beheaded	4/4.
	Tel	" 9	Clerk conversant with French absolutely needed. Suggests that Consul Clerk Bowen at Paris exchange post with Carlton Smith.	2/9
	528	" 11	Legation guard. Ark's dispatch tel. of Feb. 5 and suggest that infantry would be preferable to cavalry for the purpose	4/4
	529	" 11	Clerk conversant with French. Confirms and debates upon his tel. of Feb 9.	4/4
	Tel.	" 11	Indemnity. "Your cipher tel. Jan 29th as received here says our losses and disbursements about twenty five millions. Is this not a mistake.	2/11
	530	" 11	Same subject. Confirms above and expresses doubt as to the accuracy of the figure	4/4
	531	" 12	Claim of Charles A. Killie. Encs K's letter asking that a certain sum collected by him be deducted from the amount stated in #500.	4/4.
	532	" 13	Negotiations and treaty revisions. Suggestions of the American and British Missionaries in a joint letter, (encl'd) to both legations	4/4

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Edwin H Conger, Ellsl.	533	Feb. 14	Philippines. Smuggling of arms by Filipinos on steamers plying between Hongkong and Manila. Encls Col. Mallory's report.	4/4.
	534	" 14	Negotiations of Russia concerning Manchuria. Encls article of the Notre Dame Daily News.	4/4.
	535	" 14	Claims of U.S. citizens. Encls additional statements (Nos. 94-102).	4/4
	Tel	" 14	Settlements at Tientsin. Encroachments by France Japan and Russia reported. Similar action contemplated by Great Britain. Suggests that the question be referred to international agreement	2/14.
	536	" 16	Legation quarters. Encls plan for proposed, and offers suggestions concerning the part marked out for the US, also plan of defence elaborated by the Military commission: recites objections thereto and submits suggestions on the subject	4/4.
	537	" 16	Text of Min's tel. of Feb. 13.	4/4
	Tel	" 17	Indemnity. Question. Foreign ministers have agreed to ask their Govts whether there is an understanding, whether each will make its demand separately, and whether guards killed and wounded during the siege will be treated differently from others.	2/17
	538	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above; Ministers are not inclined to approve of the lump sum proposal; instructions regarding soldier and private claims requested	4/4.
	539	" 20	Text of legation's tel. of Feb 14.	4/4.
	Tel.	" 17	Punishment of officials." Unsatisfactory edict received yesterday decreeing exile for Tuan and Lan without capital sentence; suicide for Chuang, death for Yu Hsien degradation and imprisonment for Chiao Shu Chiao and Ying Nien and undetermined punishment for Chi Hsin and Hsu Cheng Yu.	2/17
	Tel	" 19	Same subject. "We have repeated our demand for punishments named in my telegram of February 6th."	2/19.
	540	" 20	Same subject. Confirms above tels. Encls and comments on communication from the Chinese Plenipotentiaries and reply of the dip corps.	4/4
	541	" 21	Claims of Peter Turner in #450. Requests that they be returned, Turner having merely declared his intention to become a citizen	4/4.
	Tel	" 18	Military operations contemplated by Count Waldersee Reports his having remonstrated against further operations without agreement of the respective Governments.	2/18.
	542	" 21	Same subject. Confirms above, quotes statement made by him, and Encls Count Waldersee's army order.	4/4.
J. D. Cheshire, Chinese Secretary William W. Rockhill, Spl Comr		" 21	Resignation tendered to take effect at the expiration of sixty days. Leave beginning Apl. 1.	4/4.
	Tel.	" 24	Absence on leave of Min Conger. "Tel. rec'd. Request that 1st Secy legation be Chargé d'affaires during absence of Minister, I only to have charge of negotiations as Plenipotentiary. Full powers should be sent me by mail. Advise Chinese Min. at Washington."	2/24.
	29	" 25	Same subject. Text of tels. to & fr Dept	4/3.
	Tel.	" 26.	Same subject. "Your tel. of 25th has been received. Took charge of negotiations on 24th."	2/26.
Edwin H. Conger, Ellsl?	Tel	" 19	Punishment of officials. "We have repeated our demand for punishments named in my telegram of Feb. 6th."	2/19.
	Tel	" 21	Same subject. Min's tel of 20th. List of officials is in preparation, asks whether he is to oppose further punishments.	2/21
	Tel	" 20	Same subject. "Chinese Plenipotentiaries inform us the Emperor agrees to all punishments named in my telegram of Feb 6."	2/20.
	Tel	" 20	Chinese Secretary. "Cheshire has resigned as Chinese Secretary of legation. E. T. Williams of Ohio now residing in Shanghai will accept the place. Transmits his appointment."	2/20.
	Tel	" 21	Same subject. "Referring to my tel. of yesterday, Williams' first name is Edward.	2/21
	Tel	" 23	Leave to visit the US. requested. Rockhill consents to being placed in charge of negotiations.	2/23.
	Tel	" 24	Punishment of officials. "Satisfactory edict decreeing punishments demanded has been received.	2/24.
	Tel	" 25	Same subject. "Satisfactory decree complying as far as possible for the present with Art X of demands has been issued."	2/25
	543	" 25	Filipino Junta at Hongkong. Report of Col Mallory transd	2/25
	544	" 25	Text of Dept's tel. of Feb. 23.	4/3
	545	" 25	Claims of Peter Turner. Refers to 541 and in view of the fact that Turner will not be recognized as a subject by the British legation, asks whether the claims can be presented	4/3.

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William W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	Tel	Feb. 27	Appropriation for legation is urgently needed; asks whether it is likely to be passed.	
	"	"	Posthumous honors for Chang Yin Huan will be asked for.	3/27
Edwin H. Conger. Envoy Extr.	Tel	" 26	Foreign settlement at Tientsin. Consul has been instructed to serve notice that tract formerly conceded to Chinese must not be used by any of the other Powers.	3/26.
	546	" 26	Railroad from Shan Hai Kwan to Peking has been transferred to British management. Encs agreement between the German and British military authorities.	4/3
	547	" 27	Siege of the legations. Health report of Dr Velde transmitted.	4/3.
	548	" 27	Telegram of July 29 was one of the English Morning Post's correspondent and was sent to the Consul at Chefoo and to Berlin by mistake. Reply to 307.	4/3.
	549.	" 27	Secret Societies. Decrees prohibiting, in compliance with Art X of joint note cited. Confirms tel. of the 25th	4/25
	550	" 27	Chinese Secretary Resignation of I. D Chesney. His long and efficient services praised	4/3.
	551	" 27	Foreign settlements at Tientsin. Incls. text of tels and correspdce with Gen Chaffee cited	4/3
	552	" 28	Punishment of leaders of the Boxer Movement. Text of tels and Imperial decree cited.	4/3
	553	" 28	Indemnity. Text of tel's tel. of Feb. 19.	
William W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	30	" 26	Legation quarter. Conference of diplomatic representatives respecting demand for in Peking reported; area allotted to them inadequate; all land public and private, including Sir Robert Hart's property seized by the Powers	4/3
	31	" 28	Punishment, indemnity and other questions. Proceedings of meeting of foreign representatives held Feb 27 reported; Committee appointed to examine and report upon the prohibition of arms and reform of the Court Ceremonial and Tsungli Yamen	4/13
	32	" 28	Military defence of legations and of the line of communication with the sea. Proceedings of a conference of foreign representatives held at Mukden; Russian and British Ministers agree with the position stated in Dept's instructions	4/13
Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Extr.	554	" 1	Reform decree cited. Its reference to revolutionary agitation does not promise much genuine reform	4/25.
	555.	" 2	Circular of Jan 7 acted	4/25
	556	" 4	Claims of U.S. citizens. Enc's circular issued by the legation regarding the presentation of	4/25
	557	" 4	Directory for China, Japan and the East forwarded	4/25
	558	" 4	Land in legations quarter acquired by foreigners since the siege. Protest of Pethick and Jameson against contemplated confiscation of land acquired by them; order issued in Nov. 1900 declaring null all purchases made after the siege. Equities of the case discussed	4/25
	559.	" 4	Nos 308 to 310 and unnumbered Inclosures acted	4/25
	560	" 5	Seizure by German military authorities of the grounds and buildings of the Imperial University at Tientsin, title to which is claimed by C. D. Tenney, an American citizen. Enc's correspondence with Tenney and suggests that the matter be taken up at Berlin	4/25.
	561	" 5	Leave to visit the U.S. Text of tels from to Dept. Spl Comr Rockhill took charge of negotiations on Feb. 25. Tribute paid to his ability and courtesy	4/25
	562	" 6	Negotiations. Printed minutes of conference of Foreign Representatives and correspondence with Chinese Plenipotentiaries from Jan 22 to Feb 12	4/15
	Tel.	" 5	Legation quarters. Requests that authority be cabled to select and purchase land for the legation.	4/25
	563	" 6	Same subject Text of tels from to Dept	4/25
	Tel.	" 6	Curios collected by Secy of legation Squiers have been acquired by him since his arrival in China; insinuations of looting unfounded; his promotion recommended	4/6.
	564	" 7	Leave to visit the U.S. Correspondence with the Chinese Plenipotentiaries	4/25
William W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	Tel	" 2	Prohibition of material for manufacture of arms and ammunition. Asks meaning of this;	
			Indemnity question. Asks to be informed confidentially amounts of U.S. and private claims.	
			Agreement of China with Russia. Li Hung Chang submits; Viceroys of Yangtze would be inclined to advise against it, if given prompt support	4/2
	33	" 3	Confirms above.	4/25.
	34	" 4	Agreement between Russia and China concerning Manchuria. Enc's substance of it: as the strength of dispatch of Mar. 1, Consul at Nanking has been telegraphed to advise Yangtze Viceroys to memorialize against ratification of the agreement	4/25
	35	" 7	Punishment of high officials. Enc's note from Chinese plenipotentiaries as to the execution or suicide of remaining high officials. Issuance of a decree denouncing the punishment has been asked by the foreign representatives.	4/25.

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William W. Rockhill, Spl Comr	364	Mar 7	Legations Guards. Memorandum of the Chinese Plenipotentiaries praying that certain Chinese public buildings be not included in the area deemed by the foreign representatives Em's Govt requested in connection with the resolution of the foreign representatives of Nov. 1900, in Dep 558.	4/25.
	Tel	" 7	Guard for legation. Gen Chaffee says he has orders to leave no Colonial guard of two companies; guard should not exceed one company; a larger would be unnecessary embarrassing and impolitic.	3/7
	37	" 8	Same subject. Confirms above and recites objections to a large force at Peking	4/20.
	Tel	" 9	Services of Chaloner are indispensable in negotiations. He has consented to act as Chinese secretary of Plenipotentiary. This will not interfere Williams appointment.	3/9
	38	" 9	Same subject. Confirms and explains the above	4/20.
	Tel	" 12	Negotiations. Difference between Russian and other ministers concerning punishment of responsible leaders, Gen Rockhill has expressed views often and but will vote with majority unless otherwise instructed. Indemnity and prohibition of arms still now under discussion. Instructions requested.	3/12
	394	" 12	Same subject. Confirms above and gives details of meetings of foreign ministers	4/20
	40	" 13	Text of Dep's tel of Mar 12	4/20
	414	" 13	Negotiations. Report of proceedings of the Diplomatic Conference on the questions of Literate examinations, prohibition of arms and indemnity.	4/20
Edwin H Conger, Envoy	Tel	" 11	Departure for the U.S. Will leave to day. Squiers Chargé d'affaires.	3/11.
	565	" 11	Confirms above	4/20.
Herbert G. Squiers, Chargé d'affaires	566	" 11	Encl 314 acted	4/20.
	367	" 11	Military expeditions and indemnities to native Christians. Em's correspondence between Count Waldersee, Gen Chaffee and Li Hung Chang	4/20.
	368	" 13	Legation. Defence of. Offers suggestions based on experiences of recent siege in regards to entrenchments, forces and armament	4/20.
	564	" 11	Philippine Junta at Hong Kong. Report of Col Mallory on the rumors of Aguinaldo's death.	4/20
	370	" 12	Contract of the American China Development Co. Em's copies of correspondence between F.W. Whitridge and the Chinese Minister at Washington concerning the affairs of the Co	4/20
	Tel	" 13	Telegrams to Department be numbered hereafter.	3/13
	371	" 13	Confirms above.	4/20
	372	" 13	Missionaries killed or mortally wounded during the Boxer uprising. Em's statement prepared by the Director of the China Inland Mission. Refers to 304.	4/20
	373	" 14	Military occupation. Em's correspondence between Count Waldersee and Gen Chaffee in regard to the location for summer camps of the combined forces.	4/20
	374	" 14	Trade Returns for the fourth quarter of 1900 transmitted.	4/20.
	375	" 14	Negotiations. Printed minutes of proceedings of the diplomatic conferences, imperial decree relative to Art 4 of the note and to punishment of leaders and correspondence with Chinese plenipotentiaries Encls.	4/20.
	376	" 16	Shanghai. Recognition of Vice Consul Hykes will be requested as soon as Chinese Govt is reestablished at Peking.	5/15.
	377	" 16	Complaint of Robert Coltman. Most of the property refered to in No. 318 comes under the prohibitions of the Diplomatic Circular in # 536. Refers to Desp 558.	5/15.
	378	" 18	Legation. Purchase of grounds for the. Asks Dep's tel. of Mar 6 and reports action taken thereon. Requests approval of intended purchase of land separate from present premises.	5/15.
	379	" 18	Legation Guard. Suggests that it be placed under the control and orders of the head of the mission, and that no application by private persons for escort be granted.	5/15.
	380	" 19	Foreign settlement at Amoy (Kulangsu Island) Correspondence with Consul Johnson re to the obtention of a, promised him by the Viceroy, unanimous action of the Consuls advocated	5/15
	381	" 21	Negotiations. Printed minutes of meetings of Feb 20 and 23, and correspondence with Plenipotentiaries of Oct 7 and Feb. 28.	5/15.
	382	" 21	Agreement between Russia and China concerning Manchuria Em's amended draft of the	5/15.
	383	" 21	Missing Despatches duplicates of Nos 498 to 505 transmitted.	5/15.
	384	" 21	Military operations of the German forces. comments on their effect	
			Bad feeling between Russian and English forces; situation at Tientsin serious.	
			Native Christians. Serious danger too likely to arise from charges of looting and robbing against them.	
			Illness of Li Hung Chang. Sketch of his probable successors, Cheng Hsuan-huai and Chou fu.	
			Piracy on West River. Increasing of	5/15.

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Herbert H. D. Squires. Ch d'affaires	585	Mar 26	Contract of the American China Development Co. Dec. 321 will be acted upon on the return of Viceroy of Railways Sheng	5/15
	586	" 26	Military Operations of the German forces. Report of Lieut. Jas. H. Reeves, transl	5/15
	587	" 27	Trade, foreign, of China in 1900. Figures and comments.	5/15
	588	" 27	Missionaries. Danger to, who venture to remote districts. Encs letter of warning issued by the Legation.	5/15
	589	" 28	Remains of Capt Reilly and 8 soldiers killed during the siege have been disinterred for shipment to the U.S. Courtesy of the Russian Ministers.	5/15
	590	" 28	Publications. Trade and other statistics forwarded	5/15
	591	" 28	River Improvements on the Pei Ho. Encs letters from the Chamber of Commerce of Tientsin urging the diplomatic corps to take up the matter and presenting suggestions to that end. Report of Engineer Adelsinde Encl	5/15
	Tel.	" 26	Foreign Settlement at Amoy. "Consuls at Amoy and Ministers here unanimously favor International Settlement the island of Kinlangsu. Local Chinese authorities agree. Do you approve."	3/26
	592	" 28	Same subject. Refers to #580: the matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the diplomatic corps. Text of tel. to & from Dept	5/15
	Tel	" 23	Dept of military attaché to Manchuria. Authority for a, at a cost of not more than $250 requested.	3/15
William W. Rockhill, Sp Com.	42	" 14.	Indemnity Question. Encs and discusses report of Commission on individual claims and decision arrived at by the Diplomatic Corps; intention of most Ministers to revisit China with treasure seized by their respective forces: amount to be demanded of China for desecration of cemeteries.	5/15
	Tel	" 15	Same subject. Points determined by the Diplomatic Corps on list, received	3/15
	Tel	" 18	Same subject. "Dip. Corps voted to day suggesting each power submit lump claims including governmental. Sum total to be presented to China. This would enable later urge horizontal reduction to within China's ability to pay. Mins of Gt Britain Germany Italy approved suggestion. Resolution also passed fixing May 1st limit time filing strictly private claims. Will our claim cover our expenses future military occupation.	3/16
	43	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above and gives details of the meeting.	
			Indemnity to owners of land taken for legations. Encs note from the Chinese Plenipotentiaries urging that it should be borne by the Powers and reply of the Dean	5/15
	Tel	" 19	Withdrawal of U.S. forces. Pleads against the immediate.	3/19
	44	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above and gives reasons for keeping at least the 9th Infantry until general evacuation shall have been arranged	5/15
	Tel	" 20	Dismantling of forts and military occupation of the road to the sea. Requests Dept's opinion concerning examination of the question by military representatives	3/12
	45	" 20	Same subject. Proceedings of the dip. corps on this question and that of the prohibition of arms.	5/15
	Tel	" 22	Punishment of leaders. "Dip corps excepting the Mini. of Russia has agreed to demand capital punishment four persons instead of ten maintaining list of minor punishments. No action can be taken until the question pending identic notes or joint note has been settled by the Govts. I continue to vote joint note unless instructed not to. Mins Gt Britain stated that unless joint note agreed to reserves the right to demand original list. Serious break not impossible."	3/22
	46	" 22	Same subject. Confirms above and gives details of Conference at which that question was discussed as well as that of notice for legation guards and indemnity.	5/15
	47	" 22	Text of Dept's tels of Mar 21. (3).	5/15
	48	" 23	Indemnity Question. Translation of the Report of the Commission referred to in #42 Encl	5/15
	49	" 23	Arms and material for arm manufactures. Text of Dept's tel: general disposition seems not to favor extreme stringency; no solution likely to be reached for some time	5/15
	49½	" 25	Indemnity Question. Dept's Mar. tel to Treasure supposed to be hidden in the forbidden City. Recites reasons why he has deferred acting upon the tel of Mar 21, and Encs letter to Gen. Chaffee	5/15
	Tel	" 25	Same subject. Confirms what above given.	
	50	" 25	Same subject. Encs and comments on memoranda submitted by the British Minister and Sir Robert Hart concerning best method of repayment and China's ability to pay	5/15

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William W. Rockhill Special	Tel	Mar 28	Agreement between Russia and China concerning Manchuria Chinese Ministers at St Petersburg following instructions of their Govt has refused to sign Agreement. Yangtze Viceroys Sheng and Prince Ching were opposed to signing. Li in favor of.	3/28.
	✓ 51 ✓	" 28	Same subject Confirms above; Russia likely to keep Manchuria with or without agreement	5/15
	✓ 52 ✓	" 29	Indemnity. Foreign Office and Court Ceremonial questions. Reports proceedings in regard to the Emb's ltr memo. regarding indemnities and report of the Commission on the construction of the F.O. and the creation of Foreign Minister by the Emperor.	5/15
	✓ 53	Apl 2	Library of Mukden has not been destroyed by the Russians: existence of ancient Polish books there or anywhere in China very doubtful. Refers to 14.	5/15
	✓ 54 ✓	" 2	Punishment of high officials. Emb's joint note signed by all representatives except the Russian demanding capital punishment for four, less punishment for 94 others and further investigation in other cases.	5/15
	55	Mar 24	Posthumous honors for Chang Yin Huan. Recites reasons why it was thought best not to press any demand for	5/15
	✓ 56 ✓	Apl 4	Dismantling of forts and military occupation. Emb's correspondence with Gen Chaffee.	5/15
	✓ 57	" 8	Negotiations. Progress of, and outlook for restoration of Chinese authority. Emb's memorandum of the British Minister and extracts from note of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries.	5/15
	✓ Tel	" 6	Indemnity Statement of the amounts claimed at present by Germany, Holland & Spain	4/6.
	✓ Tel.	" 8	Same subject. Statement of amounts claimed by Austria, Belgium, France Japan and Russia. Scaling down of claims not likely to be agreed to	4/8.
	✓ 58 ✓	" 8	Same subject. Confirms two tels above	5/15.
	Tel	" 9	Indemnity. Ack's Dep's tel. of Apl 8 and asks whether the amount or distribution of the indemnity is to be submitted to the Hague Tribunal of Arbitration.	4/9
	✓ 59 ✓	" 11	Same subject. Confirms the above and Emb's note to the French Minister urging views of Powers in regard to the indemnity.	5/15
	✓ 60 ✓	" 11	Same subject. Ack's Dep's reply to his tel of Apl 9 and expounds his views on the subject of scaling the demands.	5/15
	61	" 11	"17" asked	5/15
Herbert G. Squiers. Chargé	593	Apl 1	"309 to 322 and unnumbered Desp^s of Jan and Feb. asked	5/15
	594	" 1	Passport Returns March quarter transmitted	5/15
	595	" 1	Chinese Secretary Edward Thomas Williams' oath of office Emb's. Extend on duties Mar 31.	5/15
	596.	" 2	Trip of military attaché to Manchuria. Confirms tel. of Mar 28; purpose of the trip explained	5/15
	597	" 3	Legation guard. Orders of Gen. Chaffee detailing Company D of the 9th Infantry for a, Emb's Permission for member of the legation to purchase from Commissary supplies req^d	5/15
	✓ 598	" 3	Anti foreign proclamations posted by magistrates of Antuh Hsien and Kih Antu Emb's complaint of Allen & Cameron and reports action taken by the legation and the Governor	5/15
	599.	" 4	Lawlessness in the province of Chihli. Reports instances of, & cites effects of military occupation.	5/15
	✓ 600 ✓	" 4	Negotiations. Printed minutes of the meetings of the Dip Corps on Feb. 26 and 28.	5/15
	601	" 4	Trade, foreign, of China in 1900. Encl and comments on the Report issued by the Customs Service	5/15
	✓ 602	" 6	Decree in execution of Art. XI of the Joint note encl'd in Chinese and English text. Circular to Consuls requesting them to see that they are properly posted.	5/15
	603	" 8	Chinese Secretary's Oath of office. Ack'd. 331 and refers to "595;	5/15
	✓ 604 ✓	" 8	Punishment of officials. Text of the decree of Nov. 13 encl'd as detailed in "326.	5/15
	Tel	" 6	"Russian Minister refuses to receive official communications from Chinese Commissioners."	4/6.
	✓ 605 ✓	" 10	Dismantling of the forts, military occupation of the road to the sea, and legation guards. Decision of the Military Commission encl'd and commented on.	5/15
	✓ 606 ✓	" 11	Russian Minister's refusal to receive any communication from the Chinese Plenipotentiaries except on the subject of Manchuria. Confirms tel. of Apl 6 and gives his impression that the Russian Min. has secret information concerning nature of such communications	5/15
	✓ 607 ✓	" 12	Consular jurisdiction at Kiao Chow. German Min can only refer inquiry in "327 to his Government.	5/24
	608	" 15	Russian movements and administrative acts at Newchwang. Report from Con. Enc'd	5/24
	609	" 15	Circular of Mar 6 ack'd.	5/24
	✓ 610 ✓	" 17	Negotiations. Printed minutes of the Dip Corps' meetings of Mar 2, 13, 14 and 20.	5/24
	✓ 611 ✓	" 17	Legation quarters. Maps of Peking and of grounds contemplated for, encl'd; preliminary action of the legation towards securing grounds from Chinese owners reported	5/24

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William W. Rockhill Sp. Com.	62.	Apl. 15.	Withdrawal of Fr. troops from Peking Regrets that it could not be postponed as requested by Prince Ching. Enc's correspondence with Gen Chaffee on the subject	5/24
	Tel.	" 13	Indemnity. "Brit. war claims to mid of Aug is £4,800,000. Reputedly expenses thereafter 120000. If occupation continued to the end of the year 1,160,000 additional. Hope to get vote on our lump sum proposition next Tuesday."	4/15.
	63	" 15	Confirms above	5/24
	64	" 15.	Punishment of Chinese looters of the foreign settlement at Peitsaiho. Report of Maj Gen'l Adams of the British forces encl	5/24.
	65	" 15.	Prohibition of arms and ammunitions by the Consular Corps at Shanghai in July 1900. Enc's correspondence with Con Gen at Shanghai and expresses doubts as to the expediency or legality of the action taken by the Consuls.	5/24
	66	" 15.	Text of Min's tel of Apl 11, rel to revision of treaty.	5/24
	67	" 16	Arms and material for arm manufactures. Printed report of Commission on the prohibition, as agreed to by the Dip. corps, encl. doubts whether any effort will be made, except by Russia, to carry the prohibition out	5/24.
	Tel	" 14	German expedition West of Shuai Iu is in preparation and may extend into Shansi. Cooperation of the French has been refused; British cooperation unlikely	5/14.
	68	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above; recites grounds upon which Germans are preparing the expedition; efforts of Gen. Rockhill and of the French to induce Chinese Plenipotentiaries to bring about the withdrawal of objectionable forces into Shansi.	5/24.
Herbert G. Squiers. Ch Staff	Tel	" 17	Destruction by fire. "Winter palace occupied by von Waldersee accidentally destroyed by fire Gen. Schwartzhoff, chief of Staff, fatally burned"	4/17
	612	" 18	Same subject. Confirms above and gives details of the occurrence	5/24.
William W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	69	" 16	Etiquette and Foreign Office. Proceedings of the Conference of ministers and notes of the Dean of the Chinese Plenipotentiaries regarding:	
			Military occupation and raging efforts. Letters of Marshal von Waldersee and Gen Chaffee concerning;	
			Withdrawal of troops. Movements toward a beginning of the	6/4
	70	" 17	Same subject. Continuance of discussion of the questions of forts, occupation and evacuation in the conference of Ministers.	6/4.
	Tel.	" 18	Indemnity. "How do you suggest China pay indemnity: by loan, by an issue of bonds, by instalments from its revenues. Will guarantee of loan or bonds by the Powers be acceptable. Ask that I may be instructed as soon as possible."	4/18.
	71	" 24	Same subject. Confirms above and reports views of Chinese Plenipotentiaries, Russian Minister and Sir Robert Hart	6/4
	72	" 24	Military occupation and dismantling of forts. Encl reply of the Diplomatic Corps to the report of Military Commanders no 69.	6/4.
	73	" 24	Punishment of Chinese officials implicated in massacres and police regulations at Peking. Encl printed protocol of the 38th meeting of foreign representatives.	6/4.
	Tel.	" 23	Indemnity. Proceedings of the Dip. Corps on the question; substance of statements made by the Ministers of various Powers; Amounts claimed by Italy and Russia.	4/23
	74	" 23	Same subject. Confirms above and gives details of the meeting; views of the Ld presented and reception given them by several representatives.	6/4.
	75	" 24	Settlement, international, at Amoy. Encl note of the Dean of the Dip Corps to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries relative to prompt measures for the establishment of	6/4.
	Tel	" 26	Indemnity. Suggestions of the British Minister concerning amount, time and mode of payment. Indemnity now reaches £67,000,000.	4/26.
	76	" 26	Same subject. Confirms above and reports interview with British Minister.	6/4
Herbert G Squiers Ch staff	Tel.	" 19	Guard for Consulate at Tientsin. Recommends that 50 men be left for a	4/19
	Tel	" 21	Seizure by Germans of University grounds at Peking. "Jenny will settle University case by arbitration. German Min. unwilling as he has referred it to Berlin. Can you arrange for arbitration with German Govt. I earnestly recommend."	4/21
	613	" 22	Same subject. Confirms above and refers to Dep 560.	6/4.
	614	" 22	Concessions at Tientsin. Enc's proclamation of the German Consul rel to the extension of the German Concession and leasing of foreign concessions and their extensions	6/4
Carried to page 121.	615	" 22	Guard for Consulate at Tientsin. Confirms tel. of Apl 19. Encloses letter from Consul Rapp Pate and urges that Gen Chaffee's refusal may be overruled	6/4

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Herbert G. Squiers. Ch d'aff	616	Apl 18	Missionary Claims. Direct settlement desired by Chinese Plenipotentiaries in accordance with the method accepted by the French Ministers. Squiers reasons why such a mode of proceeding would be advantageous to the missionaries.	6/4.
	617	" 25	Settlement, international, at Amoy. Em's note already received in No 75 of Com. Rockhill	6/4.
	618	" 25	Decoration of the Royal Red Cross, (2d Britain) conferred upon Miss A.R. Chapin, an American missionary	6/4.
	619	" 25	Claims of U.S. citizens. 25 Statements (No 103 to 127) transmitted	6/4.
	620	" 27	Sanitary regulations for the legation quarter. Em's text of, discussed in the conference of foreign ministers; articles that have met with no objection have been adopted by the U.S. Russian and Dutch legation and will be enforced at an approximate cost of $1100 Mex. asks authority to pay U.S. quota.	6/10.
	621	" 30	Missionary claims. Direct settlement of. Em's communication from Rev. E.H. Lewisburg relative to claims presented by him to Provincial Treasurer Chou Fu. Ref to 616.	6/10
	622	" 30	Death of Ex President Harrison. Asks Exc. of Mar 14.	6/10.
	Tel	" 25	Empress Dowager's withdrawal from public affairs. Names of members of the Board of National administration appointed by her	6/25
	623	May 1.	Nos 323 to 334, unnumbered instructions and Circulars asked	6/10.
	624	" 2	Administration of Capt J.F. Wilson, U.S.A. in the American section of Peking. Em's commendatory letter of prominent Chinese residents.	6/10.
	625	" 2	Empress Dowager's withdrawal from public affairs. Confirms tel. of Apl 25, Em's text of Imperial decree; it is generally taken as an indication of the Empress' early withdrawal from power and of the inauguration of a new era of reform: names and character of the members of the Board	6/10.
Wm W. Rockhill, Sp Com.	77	" 1	Indemnity Question. Printed minutes of the 34th meeting of Foreign representatives.	6/10.
	78	" 1	Text of 244's tel. of Apl 29.	6/10.
	79	" 1	Indemnity Question. Report of the Committee discussing amounts, methods of payment, resources, &c. Russian Minister urges joint guarantee by the powers; Mr Rockhill is opposed thereto and favors commercial concessions in return for any increase of Customs duties conceded to by the powers: scaling down of amounts will be advocated	6/11
	80	" 6	Archives and buildings of the Tsungli Yamen turned over to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries. Em's correspondence with the latter	6/11
	Tel.	" 7	Indemnity Question. Exp. reps agree to notify Chinese plenipotentiaries that amount up to July 1st is about £67.500.000 and to ask how China proposes to meet it. Attitude of the several Ministers on the question of loan and joint guarantee; guarantee deemed inadvisable by three reps; cost, probable, of loan to China.	5/7
	81	" 8	Punishment of officials and Indemnity. Printed minutes of the meeting of Foreign Reps on May 12	6/15.
	82	" 7	Indemnity Question. Full report of proceedings as condensed in tel of May 7. Em's Russian memorandum urging joint guarantee, letter of the Viceroy of Hukuan to Ch Consul at Hankow asking Am. to urge reduction of indemnity and payment by instalments, and reply of Com: Rockhill to the Consul	6/15.
	83	" 9	Civil Service examinations and prohibition of arms. Printed minutes of the meeting of March 13. (34th) transmitted.	6/15.
	84	" 9	Text of tel. of May 7 to the Department	6/15.
Edwin H. Conger Esq.	—	" 8	Arrival at Washington this day and departure from Peking Mar 11 reported. Address Des Moines, Iowa	5/8.
Herbert G. Squiers. Ch d'aff	626	" 7	Legation quarter. Em's proclamations issued by the Foreign Reps and the Am. legation calling upon Chinese owners to produce their title deeds; instructions requested as to money available and calling upon a French architect for estimates.	6/15.
	627	" 7	Claims of Am. citizens. Duplicate of the claim of C.D. Tenney transd as req'd in No 335.	
	628	" 7	Missing despatches, lost with the Rio de Janeiro, were sent with No 583.	
	629	" 9	Claims of Am. citizens. Additional statements (Nos 128 to 136) transmitted.	7/15.
	630	" 10	Amoy. Application for recognition of Consul Fesler will be made upon the return of the Chinese Court	7/.
	631	" 14	No 336 asked)	7/.
	632	" 16	Return of the Court to Peking. Various influences in play make the date of the somewhat uncertain.	7/.

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Wm. W. Rockhill, Spl Comr.	85.	May 13	Etiquette. Questions of etiquette regarding audiences and banquets. Correspt with Chinese Plenipotentiaries encl	
		"	Military measures. Letter from Field Marshal von Waldersee rel to. Mention has been received	
		"	Legation quarters. Question of improvement of ground owned by American citizens which certain legations object to. again submitted to the dept	
		"	Civil Service Examinations. Correspt with Chinese Plenipotentiaries encl	7/.
	Tel.	" 12.	Indemnity Question. Proposal of Chinese Plenipotentiaries to pay 5 million taels yearly; they ask reduction of the amount and increase of present tariff by one third	7/.
	86	" 16	Same subject. Confirms above and encl note from chinese plenipotentiaries	7/.
	87.	" 16	Same subject. Text of Min's tel. of May 10.	7/.
	88	" 16	Execution of Yu. Hsien, and death of Chao Chu. Chao, Prince Chuang and Ying Nien Account of the. Encl.	7/.
Herbert G. Squiers. Asst	633	" 16.	Claims of US. citizens. Evidence of citizenship. Encl affidavit of 2nd Secy Bainbridge attesting of the various claimants.	7/.
	634	" 17	Account. Rent and Repairs March quarter.	7/5.
	635.	" 21	Account. Telegrams for the month of March	7/5.
	636	" 21	Seizure by Germans of University Grounds. German legation denies the title of Chinese Govt: apparent purpose to place the University under German influence. Memo. of the legation encl	7/5.
	637	" 23.	Claims of US. citizens. Statements (138-140) of Frazer & Co and China Japan Trading Co Encl	7/5.
	638	" 23	Supplies rec'd	7/5.
	639	" 23	Departure of Gen. Chaffee and his forces from Pekin this day reported; regret expressed in all quarters.	7/5.
	640	" 28	Claims of Missionaries in the province of Shansi. Direct settlement with the Govt creates considerable dissatisfaction especially owing to the inclusion of traveling expenses and the collection of indemnity for native Christians. Encl statement rec'd from Consul at Chefoo	7/5.
	641	" 29	Treaty Revision and increase of revenues. Memorial to the throne presented in 1899 by Sheng Taijen and Nieh Chi Kuei Encl; it was defeated by British opposition	7/5.
	(8) Tel	" 21	Legation quarters. "Your No 342 rec'd. Denby's agent will recommend sale at 50000 gold. Site selected much cheaper and in every way more desirable. Do you approve purchase of the latter."	5/21
	642	" 29	Same subject. Text of tels to & from Dep. Requests authority and allowance of 5000 taels for preliminary work	7/5.
Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Extr. & Min.		" 20	Same subject. Approval of the selections and recommendations in Dep. 578.	5/22.
		" 25	Same subject. Offer of Robt Coltman for not more than the amount actually paid by him prior to the dip. Circular should be paid him. Rep to May 21.	5/28
		" 28	Departure for post will be made July 7. Interview with the Secy requested.	5/31.
E. T. Williams Chinese Secy Wm. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.		" 29	Drafts for Salary, in the absence of letter of credit, have been drawn on the Secy of State	7/5.
	Tel'g	" 20	Indemnity Question. Substance of proposal made by British Minister; Joint guarantee opposed by Britain is urged by Russia and France.	5/20.
	89	" 20	Same subject. Confirms above. Encl memo. submitted by British Minister and comments upon the divergence of views among foreign representatives.	7/5.
	90	" 20	Commercial duties. Encl tel. from to Consul at Hankow regarding desirable reforms that may be suggested to the Yangtse Vice Roys.	7/5.
	91	" 23	Printed minutes of the meeting of Mar 18 of the diplomatic Corps transmitted	7/5.
	Tel.	" 22	Indemnity Question. Dip. Corps agree to limit the figure to 450,000,000; raising of tariff to 5% effective unanimously voted; Comr. Rockhill voted against unless commercial advantages are secured.	5/22
	92	" 22	Same subject. Confirms above and reports particulars of meeting as above, condensed	7/5.
	93	" 23	Same subject. Question of guarantee of the bonds discussed by the foreign representatives: attitude of the various Ministers reported.	7/5.
	94.	" 25	Same subject. Asst Sec's tel. of May 23 and comments upon the concessions made by Britain & Germany in regard to the increase of duties without compensations and upon the beneficial effects of the policy of moderation urged by the US	7/5.
	Tel.	" 25	Same subject. Germany and Italy agree to Brit proposal; others will probably follow; motion to refer to the Hague tribunal would be fruitless. Jap. suggestion that duties be increased to 10% and likin abolished.	5/22

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Wm. W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	95	May 25.	Indemnity Question. Confirms tel. of this date and gives particulars of proceedings at the meeting of this date; discussion of question of civil service examinations postponed; instructions on Japanese suggestion rel to duties and likin requested.	7/5
96	" 27		Return of the Court to Peking. Incloses edict directing Plenipotentiaries to bring the negotiations to an early close; return not likely until after withdrawal of all foreign troops.	7/5
97	" 27		Indemnity Question. Ten printed copies of the report of the Indemnity Committee forwd	7/5
98	" 28		Government, military, of Tientsin. Enc's communication from Marshal von Waldsee describing it, and deprecating the transfer of administration to Chinese authorities; diplomatic corps have reserved their decision.	
	"		Civil Service Examinations. Question again brought up and again postponed	
	"		Commercial reforms. Reply of Vice Roy Chang Chih Tung to Com. Rockhill's Circ. of 90	7/5
Tel	" 29		Indemnity Question. "I am reliably informed that edict arrived yesterday agreeing on 450000000 taels and 4% interest."	
99	" 29		Same subject. Confirms above; action on dly's tel. of May 28 is precluded thereby; amount stated is a maximum and will probably be less when several claims are adjusted; reduction in exchange of commercial advantages not practicable, the latter must be secured by joint action of the Powers.	7/5
100	" 30		Boxers. Use of Chinese troops against remaining bands of, and evacuation by foreign troops. Marshal Von Waldersee has granted the request of Li Hung Chang that Chinese troops be allowed to pursue remnants of Boxers. Corresp. Enc's.	7/13
101	" 30.		Indemnity Question. Note from Chinese Plenipotentiaries containing terms of the edict accepting the figure of 450000000 taels and making suggestions as to terms of settlement.	7/5
Tel	June 1		Withdrawal of foreign troops. "In view of the acceptance by Emp. of China indemnity 450 millions and 4% interest, Waldersee ordered home at once and German forces will be reduced to one brigade. Forces other nationalities are being rapidly reduced."	6/1
102	" 1		Same subject. Confirms above and reports measures taken by the several powers	7/13.
103	" 3		Foreign Office of China. Printed minutes of the meeting of the dip. Corps of April 6	7/13.
104	" 1		Indemnity Question. Sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds. Reports various schemes examined by the dip. Corps and Enc's statement of that which has been adopted in principle. No agreement yet reached on the question of currency.	7/13.
105	" 3		Same subject. Referring to #101 and minutes of meeting of the Indemnity Committee with the Chinese Plenipotentiaries	7/13.
106	" 4		Audience question. Corresp. between the dip. Corps and Chinese Plenipotentiaries Enc's. the matter is not likely to be adjusted until after the return of the Emp. to Peking	7/13
107	" 5		Punishment of guilty officials. Enc's lists of punishments as demanded, and ensuing correspondence regarding mitigation or investigation in cases where the accused were believed to have been less guilty than at first reported.	7/13.
108	" 6		Conservancy of the River Whangpoo at Shanghai. Refers to #85 and Enc's pencilled notes prepared by E.A. Hewett.	7/13.
109	" 6		Civil Service Examinations. Correspondence between the dip. Corps and the Chinese Plenipotentiaries; Brit. Min. still refuses to allow the metropolitan examinations to be held.	7/13.
Herbert G. Squiers. Ch. d'Affaires ad	643 June 1.		#335 to 343 and unnumbered (Inst. #1 acted).	7/5.
644	" 5		Claim of the Equitable Life Assurance Society (#125) has been withdrawn	7/13
645	" 6		Appointment of Chin Hung Chi on the Grand Council and Board of Administration, reported. It is considered a weak one.	7/13.
646	" 6		Concessions of Electric Railways promised to Belgian promoters. Indifference of American capital deprecated.	7/13.
647	" 11		Escort Chinese provided for foreign travelers between Chengting and Taiyuan fu. Enc's communication from Li Hung Chang stating regulations and measures taken for the establishment of stations on the road	7/22
648	" 13		Fire in the Forbidden City. Report received from Major E.B. Robertson.	7/22
649	" 13		Claim of the Standard Oil Co. Refers to #629 and Enc's amended statement	7/22
650	" 13		Return of the Court to Pekin. Enc's decree fixing Sept 8 as the date for the	7/22
651	" 13.		Clauses in execution of the Collective Note as stated in #602 do not seem to have been widely posted as required, and when so posted, have been torn or besmeared by the populace. Enc's reports from Consuls	7/22

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Wm W. Rockhill, Spl Com.	Tel	June 11.	Indemnity. Revenue measures agreed to by the Dip. Corps for the payment of the agreement of the 8th. given on condition of substitution of specific for ad valorem duty, improvement of water approaches to Shanghai and Tientsin, and revision of inland navigation. Britain offers initial abolition of likin and all Powers agree to 5% duty without commercial compensations.	6/11
	Tel.	" 6	Same subject. Asks whether US has agreed to reduce its claim by one half as reported by Chinese Minister at Washington. Also, suggests that the reduction should be made only after acceptance by all Powers of the figure of 450000000 taels as the limit of indemnity	6/6
	110	" 8	Same subject. Statement of the amounts claimed by the several Powers up to July 1.	7/13
	111	" 8	Same subject. Text of bills to and from Dep.	7/13
	Tel.	" 8	Same subject. Proposition to refer the whole question to the Hague Tribunal has been formally submitted	6/8.
	112	" 8	Same Subject. Confirms above; Encls note to the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and reports attitude of the several Ministers on the subject	7/13
	113	" 10	Same subject. Amortization schemes submitted by Li Hung Chang. Asks that they be examined jointly with those in #104 and the result cabled	7/13
	114	" 11	Same subject. Confirms tel. of June 11 (top of this page), reports proceedings of the meeting and Encl's memorandum handed by him to his colleagues rel. to his proposition	7/13.
	Tel	" 11	Same subject. "Russian Min. just informs Dip corps he will not ask his Govt for the revision inland navigation regulations. Shall I agree to 5% effective with the two other compensations."	6/11
		" 12	Protocols of the meetings of Apl 17 and of Nov. 5 and 19 transmitted.	7/22
	115	" 12	Ameterico. Desecration of Christian. Encls correspondence rel. to the payment of indemnity and erection of expiatory monuments.	7/22
	116	" 13	Legation quarter. Encls correspondence between the Chinese Plenipotentiaries and the Dip. corps rel. to metes, bounds, police and compensation to land owners. Requests instructions regarding payment and cession of the land, and disposal of part of it not necessary to the legation	7/22
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch d'affaires ad int	652	" 13	Contract of the American China development Co. Reported cancellation of the by Sheng Tajen is believed to have been an attempt to induce the Co to effect a compromise desired by the former Reply to 321.	7/12
	653	" 13	Claims of native Chinese in the service or employment of foreigners forwarded. A good many have been withdrawn and most have been or will be settled by the Chinese officials	7/22
W. W. Rockhill. Spl Com.	117	" 13	Indemnity. Russian Minister's objection to a revision of inland navigation regulations. Encl's memo. referred to in and confirms tel. of June 11.	7/15
	Tel	" 15.	Same subject. "Indemnity 450000000 taels and 4% bonds at par may be considered as agreed upon. Japan submits difficulty her position; she can only borrow at 5% and will consequently lose heavily at that rate. Can you suggest way of securing her against loss. British and German Ministers have telegraphed same question to their Governments. Prospects favorable to early termination negotiations."	6/15
	118	" 15	Same subject. Confirms above and reports proceedings of the meeting of the Dip Corps	7/23
		" 17	Minutes, printed, of the meeting of April 23, transmitted. Refers to #74	7/23
	119	" 18	Civil Service Examinations. Suspension for five years at Peking and other places where disturbances occurred. Encls decree of the Emperor complying with demands of the Dip Corps	7/31
		" 19	Minutes, printed of the meeting of Nov. 12, 1900, transmitted.	7/31
	Tel	" 19	Indemnity Question. Objection of Great Britain to French and Russian proposal of an eventual raising of the tariff to 10% reported and commented on; hopes that it may be overcome.	6/9
	120	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above and reports incidents of the meeting	7/31
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch d'affaires	654	" 19	Trade of China during the first quarter 1901. Encl Customs Gazette and comments upon the effects on American trade.	7/31.
	655	" 19	Field marshal Count von Waldersee. Reports the departure of, and pays tribute to his tact and ability.	7/12
	656	" 19	Native Christians. Status of. Encls proclamation of the Governor of Shantung, in regard to. It maintains that they are, in all intents and purposes subjects of China. Approval of the position thus taken unreservedly given	7/31.

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W. W. Rockhill Spl Com.	121	June 22	Chinese troops in Pekin. Chinese Plenipotentiaries ask when Chinese troops will be allowed to enter the city and are answered that they must not move until further orders.	7/22
	122	" 22	Military occupation of Shanhai Kwan. Allotment of land, forts and buildings to the several forces. Enc's minutes of meeting of Commanding officers	7/22
	123	" 22	Indemnity. Increase of Japanese claim. Memo. presented by the Jap Min. to show loss falling upon Japan by reason of the 4% rate of interest on the bonds.	7/22
	124	" 24	Military occupation of Shanhai Kwan. Notice of the Russian Commander reserving the right to increase the number of his troops.	7/22
	125	" 25	Indemnity. Revenue measures. Refers to memo. in his 114. and advises a postponement of commercial treaty negotiations.	8/6.
	126.	" 26.	Germany's attitude in the Yangtze Valley. Clipping rel to Enc.	8/6.
	127	" 27	Mission of Prince Chun to Germany, to make amends for the murder of Baron von Ketteler will sail about July 20.	8/6.
	~	" 27	Protocols of the meetings of nov. 13 & Oct transmitted.	8/6
	Tel.	" 27	Return to thereof "Expect to sail from Yokohama via Vancouver Augs 5. Ask that Conger be instructed to lose no time reaching here, also that Hubbard be instructed to return with me	6/27
	Tel.	" 29	Mission of Prince Chun sails July 20 will return via and stay in Berlin three weeks. Asks whether official reception will be extended.	6/29.
Edwin H Conger Esq Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary Herbert G. Squiers, Chargé d'affaires	~	" 26	Clerk for legation. Requests permission to employ G. W. Wrollette as.	6/28
	657	" 24	Annoy. Recognition granted to Con J. H. Foster at.	8/19.
	658	" 29	Canton. Recognition granted to V. Con Maurice Marshall at	8/19
	659	July 1	Nos 344 to 348. Circ of April 22 and unnumbered Circ of April May acted	8/19
	660	" 1	Passport Returns for the June quarter.	8/19
	661	" 2	Russian occupation of New Chwang. Enc's regulations issued by the Russian Administrator and correspondence with Consul Mulle relative to recognition of said Administration	8/19
	662	" 3	Inventory of property transmitted.	8/19.
	663	" 3	Legation quarters. Exchange of small lots with the Netherlands legation and the Russo Chinese Bank. Enc's agreements for approval	8/19
William W Rockhill, Spl Com.	~	" 1	Text of tels from & to Dept	6/19.
	128	" 3	Posthumous honors for Chang Yinhuan. Reports his action toward deceased and Encs notes addressed to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries by himself and the Brit. Min.	8/19
	Tel	" 3	Indemnity Question. No agreement reached yet accepting formally 45,000,000 tael, and 4% bonds at par. Russia accepts 4% bonds at par only on the condition no power asks for special advantage as Japan does. G.B. still refuses Russian proposal concerning the eventual raising tariff. Difficulties of minor importance arising in each meeting regarding payment of indemnity. No progress made since the meeting of the 19th ultimo Reference to the Hague of the whole question indemnity or such part as the Powers agree to urged by me since the 8th of June but with exception of Brit. ministers, all without instructions.	
	~	"	Legation quarter. Belgian Minister asks if the Govt of the U.S. will cede to him small lot in American section dep. quarter outside site chosen for our legation.	
	~	"	Departure for Home. Will leave for Japan 28th July. This is the latest date possible to catch the steamers.	8/3
	129	" 3	Indemnity question and local administration. Confirms tel. of July 3 and reports at length proceedings of the meeting therein condensed	8/19.
	~	" 6	Protocol. minutes of the meeting of Dec 20 Enc's.	8/19.
	130.	" 8	Improvement of the Tientsin water approaches. A proposition to increase local tax to 2% for the purpose has been approved by him on the strength of previous Instructions in 1898. Refers to No 27/15 of '97 and Encs correspondence on the subject.	8/19
	131	" 9	Foreign office of China. Details of reforms have been satisfactorily arranged Encs correspondence between the Chinese Plenipotentiaries and the Dean of the Dip Corps.	8/19
	132	" 12	Mission of Prince Chuan. Dep's tel. of July 10 has been given to Li Hung Chang	8/13
	133	" 15	Evacuation of the Province of Petchili. Drafts of proclamation contemplated by the Foreign Ministers upon the; existing circumstances of the occupation, &c	8/13
	134	" 17	Indemnity. Raising of Japs claim. Text of Dep's tel. of July 2; refers to Nos 123 and tel. of mine of July 8	8/
Edwin H. Conger, Esq	~	" 7	Departure for his post this day report. Address as at San Francisco until July 16. Occidental Hotel.	8/6

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Herbert G. Squiers. Ch d'Aff	664	July 8	Ministers of China abroad will hereafter carry a flag indicative of their rank	8/19
	665	" 10	Russian occupation of New Chwang. Encs proclamation of the Russian Comr providing for municipal taxation and expenditures and prohibiting the sale of shares.	8/19
	666	" 10	Robbery by five Americans in the village of Chang Kwo Chwang. The offenders have been arrested by Chinese troops and turned over for trial to the Consul at Tientsin by the legation. Correspt with Li Hung Chang encld.	8/19
	667	" 10	Condition of affairs in the province of Chihli. Report on the.	8/19
	668	" 11	Reforms in China. Encs three decrees indicative of a desire for	8/19
	669	" 16	Native Christians. Proclamation of the magistrate at T'sing Chow casting aspersion on Encs, with representations made on the subject to Prince Ching	8/26
	670	" 16	Treaty Revision. Encloses reports from the Consuls in China (except Chinkiang) presenting views and suggestions on the subject	8/26
	671	" 16	Russian occupation of New Chwang. Report of Consul Miller on the injurious effects of, upon the trade of Tientsin, and of H Con Bainbridge on lawlessness in the province	8/26
	672	" 17	Mission of Prince Ch'un to Germany. Departure of the, reported. List of members encld. Suggests that it be suitably received in Berlin.	8/26
	673	" 18	Robbery by five Americans. Refers to 666 and reports sentence on offenders to 4 years' imprisonment. Suggests that the convicts be transported to the U.S.	8/26
W. E Bainbridge, 2nd Secy.	—	" 12	Difficulty with Secy Squiers over the occupancy of a house in the legation quarter desired by himself for a residence and given up by the Secy to a Chinaman, as a store house. Submits the correspt to the decision of the Dept	8/26
W. W. Rockhill, Spl Comr.	Tel	" 16	Indemnity. Jap Min. has withdrawn his claim for additional allowance; Brit Min. still opposes Russian proposal, but offers a compromise to consider additional revenues if it should become necessary.	7/17
	Tel	" 17	Same subject. Text of tel to the Dept	8/26
Edwin H. Conger, U.S. Min. P. W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	135	" 18	Indemnity. Departure Shanghai for Peking. Same subject - Brit. Min. still opposes Russian proposal but it is believed that will soon be effected. Encls. plan of amortization accepted, and approved by Chinese Govt.	9/6
	Tel.	" 18	Indemnity, Arms, Examination, Departure for U.S.	
	136	" 20	Swedish Claims vs. China - Refers to Dept's 25 and states that - have been presented by Spanish Minister	9/3
	Tel.	" 22	Indemnity, payment to U.S. - Do you wish to be U.S. gold or sterling?	
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	674	" 22	Code of orders of Mixed Court at Shanghai - Encls. correspondence rel. to revision of -	9/9
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	137	" 23	Chinese Govt. Steam launches, Seizure of by U.S. Naval Officers - Encls. correspondence rel. to -	9/3
	138	" 23	Confirms his tel. of July 22 -	9/3
	—	" 19	Minutes of the 11th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 30th, & 31st meeting of peace negotiations	9/9
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	675	" 24	Confirms Depts. tel. 17th inst.	9/9
	676	" 25	Mukden, Russian movements at. Encls report from Consul at.	9/9
	677	" 25	Foreign settlement at Tientsin - Encls. correspondence in regard to transfer of U.S. concession to the Municipality of the Br. Extra concession	9/9
	678	" 25	Claims of U.S. citizens (Statements 142-143) - J. Emery & W. W. Pethick (supplemental)	9/9
	679	" 25	Shooting, accidental, of a German soldier by an Am. sentinel - Encls. correspondence rel. to -	9/9
W. W. Rockhill, Sp. Comr.	139	" 23	Foreign settlement at Amoy - Refers to his 75 and encls. further correspondence rel. to -	9/3
	140	" 25	Audience question - The right to be borne to the foot of the steps of the outer entrance of the audience hall in sedan chairs was granted to the foreign Rep's. Encl. corresp. & memo rel. to	9/9
	141	" 25	Civil Service Examinations - Refers to his 109 and encls. further correspondence rel. to -	9/9
	Tel.	" 26	Operation of Sinking fund in plan adopted, begins in 1902 - capital & interest paid off in 1940	
	142	" 26	Indemnity question - Russia has withdrawn its proposal of 10% of import duties as a reserve	9/3
	143	" 27	Military port, jurisdiction of, near Peking - Shanhaikwan P'y. Encls. minutes of 2nd conference of July 16 - rel. to -	9/3
	144	" 27	Indemnity question - Encls. text of note to Chinese Plenipotentiaries accepting 450 millions of taels	9/3
	—	" 27	Minutes of 11th 10th and 15th meetings of peace negotiations.	9/3
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	680	" 29	U.S. war vessels at Mukden, Encls. despatch of Consul at Mukden requesting occasional visit of -, and his letter to the Admiral in regard to -	9/9
	681	" 30	Unfriendly relations existing between the U.S. guard and German soldiers. States many complaints have been made by U.S. officers and soldiers against German contingent, encls. correspondence with German minister rel. to -	9/9
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	Tel.	" 26	Indemnity question - Whole of the - regarding financial measures settled. Free list abolished except as regards bread. Result will be embodied in a final protocol that will probably be signed in a fortnight.	

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W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	Tel	July 27	Indemnity question - A majority of Dip. corps favors application of new tariffs immediately after signing the protocol only exempting goods in transit. I have raised an objection especially in view of the abolition of free list suggesting a delay of 3 mos. Send instructions.	
	Tel.	" 28	Same subject - Interest will be payable semi-annually, beginning July 1st this year. Three years will be given China to pay 1st installment. Reg. payment and Sinking fund will begin Jan., payments to be made to financial committee at Shanghai. Repeated W.	
	Tel.	" 31	Same subject - Acceptance of agreement on Import duties by Brazil and Peru important. Secure by telegraph	7/31
	145	" 30	River conservancy Board at Shanghai for the Whangpoo river - Reports in regard to -	7/14
	146	" 31	Audience question - Encls. July 27 from Chinese Plens. to the Dip. Corps expressing gratification at satisfactory settlement of -	9/9
	147	" 31	Foreign Office of China - Encls. July 27 from Chinese Plens to the Dip. Corps giving the terms of an Imperial Decree creating -	9/9
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	Tel	Aug. 1.	Manchouria - Chinese Govt. has informed Russian Minister that it is prepared to to open negotiations as to - Russian Minister has replied that time has not yet arrived for such discussion.	
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	682	" 1	Acks. 349 to 353, June 13, and Circ. May 29, 1901.	9/9
	683	" 1	Foreign Office in China - Appointment of members of - repts.	9/9
	684	" 1.	Free entry of articles sent by foreign Govts for its use to an agent in China - Encls. July 22 from Insp. Gen. of Customs, stating that some articles have been admitted free as a courtesy, but no regulation exists as to -	9/9
	685	" 1	Claims of U.S. citizens, statement 144, Nils Friedstrom and three add'l. claims of native employees.	9/9
	686	" 1	Treaty revision - Refers to his 670 and encls. report from Consul at Chinkiang rel. to -	9/9
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	Tel	" 2	No change contemplated at the present moment in Chinese Ministry.	8/2
		" 3	Tariff, changes in - All representatives have agreed to make similar representations also to Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden & Norway. Refers to 2d inst.	8/3
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	687	" 3	Newchwang, trade in - Encls. report of Consul at -	9/20
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	Tel.	" 4	Tariff, changes in - Conversion of present rates into specific rates will soon begin. Suggests that an expert be sent to represent U.S.	8/4
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	688	" 5	Posting of decrees - Refers to his 659 and encls. report of Consul at Amoy rel. to -	9/20
	689	" 7	Importation of Arms and ammunition - Encls. report from Consul at Newchang	9/20.
	690	" 8	Return of Court to Pekin - Reports that the - is very uncertain.	9/20
	691	" 8	Tel. of Aug. 1. confirmed.	9/20
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Comr.	Tel.	" 8	Signing of finial protocol - Delay caused by British objection against Internat. Comr. for the revision of the tariff and by Chinese Govt. wanting to insert objectionable clauses.	8/8
	148	" 6	Chinese fortifications to be razed - Encls. communications from the Dip. Corps to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries giving list of -	9/14
	149	" 8	Legation quarter - Refers to his 116 and encls. further correspondence rel. to -	9/20
	150	" 8	Cemeteries, demeration of Christian - Refers to his 115 and encls. further corresp. rel. to.	9/20
	151	" 8	Importation of arms and ammunition - Encls. communications from the Dip. Corps to the Plenipotentiaries asking that the - be prohibited for two years.	9/20
	Tel.	" 10	Tariff, changes in - The 5% ad val. will be put in force two months after signing finial protocol and continue until conversion to specific rates has been effected	8/10
	Tel	" 12	Same subject. Finial protocol agreed upon - Free list includes foreign cereals, flour, gold and silver bullion and coin.	
	152	" 9	Same subject - Reports objections of Br. Govt. to a number of passages in the draft of the protocol. Confirms his tel of 8th inst	9/14
	153	" 12	Improvement of Peiho and Whangpoo rivers - Encls. communication from Dip. Corps to Chinese Plenipotentiaries rel. to -	9/14
	154	" 12	Tariff, changes in - Refers to his 152 and states that Br. formula, which provides that ad val. duties shall be converted into specific duties with the least delay, was accepted	9/24
		" 13	Minutes of the 56th meeting of peace negotiations	9/24
Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	692	" 14	Native Christians. Refers to his 669 and encls. correspondence with Li Hung-chang informing him that the proclamation complained of has been withdrawn	9/24
	693	" 14	Legation - Reports progress made on building for Legation Guard.	9/24

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Herbert G. Squiers, Ch. d'Aff.	694	Aug. 14	Chinese Diplomatic service – New appointments in the – reptd.	9/24
	695	" 16	Claim of O. B. Clifford vs. China for loss sustained during late uprising in China.	9/24
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Com.	Tel	" 16	Tariff, changes in – Br. Govt. will communicate views with Dept. rel. to – The protocol will probably be signed in a few days. Will wait to sign	
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	Tel	" 17	"Arrived"	8/17
	696	" 17	1st Secy. of Legation – Mr. Squiers expects to sail from Shanghai Sept. 24. Requests that Custom courtesies be extended to him upon arrival.	9/24
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Com.	155	" 19	Improvement of the Whangpoo river – Encls. correp. between Chinese Govt. and the Dean of the Dip. Corps rel. to –	9/24 10/3
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	697	" 20	Confirms his tel. of 17th inst.	9/24
	698	" 20	Publications, Returns of Trade and Trade Reports for 1900 transmitted	9/24
	Tel	" 21	Seizure by German Military authorities of the Tientsin University – German Minister says it is impossible to consider case further here. Will it be taken up at Berlin or will it be pressed here?	8/21
	699	" 21	Legation guard – Reports necessity of artillery and of cavalry equipments.	9/24
	700	" 21	Claims of Missionary Societies vs. China – Encls. letter from Bow W. Nichols giving list of indemnities demanded	9/24
Herbert G. Squiers, Secy.	Tel	" 22	"Please hold mail".	
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	701	" 22	Ministers of China abroad – Transmits volume of drawings showing the flags of –	9/24
	702	" 22	Special Com. Rockhill – Commends the work done by –	
	—		Departure of the Court from Sian – for for Peking – Encls. decree postponing the – to Oct. 6.	9/24
	703	" 22	Seizure by German Military authorities of the Tientsin University. Confirms his tel of the 21st inst. and encls. letter from Mr. Tenney rel. to –	9/24
	704	" 23	Clerk hire – Refers to Dept's 295 and encls. separate account for –	9/24
	705	" 24	Drawback certificates for native goods – Encls. Note from Prince Ching stating that – will be received in payment of any sort of Customs duty.	10/12
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Com	Tel.	" 25	Tariff, changes in – Refers to his tel. of the 10th inst. and asks if U.S. agrees to Portsch. proposal rel. to surplus indemnity. Chinese Plens. awaiting authority to sign protocol, will remain until it is settled. Composition of Board for revision of tariff and place of meeting not yet settled.	8/25
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	706	" 26	Settlement of difficulties between Chinese Christians and Non-Christians – Encls. despatch from Com. Genl. Goodnow, encl's scheme for the – and his reply	10/12
	707	" 26	Newchwang, Russian civil administration at – Encls. report of Consul Miller, indicating the intention of making the Russian occupation permanent rather than temporary	10/12
	708	" 26	Tariff, changes in – Confirms Dept's tel. of the 23rd inst. and states that no regular commission for revision of tariff was provided for by the Protocol. If Br. Govt. has not requested the appointment of an expert to go to Shanghai, U.S. should take the initiative	10/12
	709	" 27	Legation quarter – As the whole area was ceded as a – and the Chinese Govt. agreed to compensate its subjects for the property taken, cannot the appropriation made by Congress be used at once for the construction of the buildings. Asks authority to employ an architect and to proceed at once with the erection of the buildings and requests detail of Capt. J. C. Byron, U.S.N. to superintend construction.	
	710	" 27	Same subject – Refers to Squiers' No. 578 and calls attention that Mr. Squiers claims to have been authorized by Mr. Conger to purchase ground adjoining Legation, which was not a fact.	10/12
	Tel	" 28	Visit of Prince Chun to U.S. Substance of Dept's tel. of July 10 was given to Earl Li who promised to notify Prince Chun.	8/28
	711	" 28	Instruction 357 complied with	10/12
	712	" 28	Confirms tels to and from Dept.	10/12
	713	" 29	Instruction 355 complied with	10/12
	714	" 29	Legation quarter – Refers to his 709 and states the French architect mentioned in 626 has left for France and will return in November, when Min. will consult with him.	10/12
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Com.	156	" 29	Post-humous honors for Chang-Yinhuan – Encls. his note to Chinese Plens. and their reply, stating that a memorial has been prepared and sent to the Throne rel. to –	10/3
	157	" 29	Importation of arms and ammunition. Refers to his 151 and encls. note from Chinese Plens. transmitting copy of the Edict of Aug. 25 prohibiting	10/3
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	715	" 30	Remains of U.S. Marines killed during the siege, burial in and removal from Peking Legation Encls. his note of thanks for courtesies and Peking Ministers reply	10/12
	Tel.	" 31	Foreign settlement at Tientsin – Earliest possible telegraphic reply to Squiers 677. Important.	8/31
	716	Sept. 1	Asks 354 to 357 and June 21, 27, July 2. 9. 19. 25 and 27	10/12

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Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	Tel	Sept 2	Newchwang - No news cause for anxiety. It is believed that Russia will demand right to protect her railways and exclusive privileges for mining, railways and other development, Japan will object to the latter.	9/2
	717	" 2	Newchwang - Recognition of H.D. Miller as Consul at - granted	10/12
	718	" 2	Newspapers for Legation - Refers to Dept's. 325 and reports that the San Francisco Chronicle and the Washington Post have not been received.	10/12
	719	" 2	First Secy. of Legation - Departure of on leave Sept. 2. repts.	10/12
	720	" 2	Confirms tels. to and from Dept.	10/12
	721	" 2	Same subject and tenor	10/12
	722	" 2	Same subject and tenor	10/12
	723	" 2	Claims, direct settlement of. Encls. letter from a number of claimants requesting that an investigation of their claims be taken up at an early date. Reports loans Russian are being settled and suggests that some one be sent from the Dept. to investigate and pass upon -	10/12
W. E. Rainbridge, 2d Secy.	—	" 2	Difficulty with Secy. Squiers over the occupancy of a house. Refers to his July 12. and states that arrangement for repair of rooms have been made and requests no further action	10/12
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Com.	Tel.	" 3	Indemnity question - Delay of signing protocol by Chinese Plens. is caused by the extraordinary demands of German Emperor in regard to ceremonies of Prince Chun's audience.	9/3
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	724	" 3	Claim of Edward K. Lowry vs. China - Assignment of part of - to Herbert G. Squiers repts.	10/12
	Tel	" 4	Tariff, changes in - Quotes provision of protocol for the conversion of ad val. duties into specific duties. Advises sending of an expert to Shanghai to make the conversion for U.S. imports.	9/4
	725	" 4	Commercial Treaties, revision of - Reports that a joint action by all the powers interested seems inadvisable. Suggests that U.S. take the initiative and let others follow.	10/12
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Com.	Tel.	" 4	Improvement of the Woosung River - Rep. to tel. of 3d inst. and reports in regard to -	9/6
	158	" 4	Same subject. Confirms tel, refers to his 155 and encls. correspondence from the Chinese Plens, and Rules for the Whangpoo Conservancy Board.	10/12
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	726	" 5	Tariff, changes in - Confirms Dept. tel. of the 2d inst. and his of the 4th - and states that no provision for a Commission for the revision of the tariff was provided for in the protocol renews his suggestion as to sending of expert to Shanghai, [illegible]	10/12
	727	" 5	Grain Transport Service, reforms in the - Encls. Edict ordering that taxes heretofore paid in grain be commuted to a money payment in silver.	10/12
W. W. Rockhill, Spl. Com.	Tel	" 6	Protocol will be signed to-morrow - Peking will be evacuated 17th province by 22d	9/6
Edwin H. Conger, E.E. & M.P.	728	" 6	National Administration, Board of - Encls. preliminary regulations adopted by -	10/19
	729	" 7	Newchwang - Reviews situation at - and encls. letter from Consul Miller rel. to -	10/19
	Tel	" 9	"Protocol signed, Rockhill left 8th"	9/9
	Tel	" 9	Tientsin, U.S. concession at - Asks if he shall demand return of former -	9/9
	730	" 10	Minutes of Dip. Corps, Com. on Indemnities and Com. on Conservancy of the Whangpoo	10/19
	731	" 10	Protocol - Confirms his tel. of the 9th and encls. copy of	10/19
	732	" 10	Assassination of President Mc Kinley - Confirms tels. and encls. messages of sympathy.	10/19
	733	" 11	Same subject - Confirms tels rel. to -	10/19
	734	" 12	Silver coinage in China - Encls. Edict regulating the -	10/19
	735	" 12	Trade of China during 2d quarter 1901 - Encls. Customs Gazette	10/19
	736	" 12	Seizure of three tugs by U.S. forces during Boxer troubles. Encls. Corres. rel to return of	11/4
	737	" 13	Educational reforms in China - Encls. two Imperial Edicts rel to, and comment on importance of	11/4
	738	" 13	Naval station, (U.S.) on Chinese coast. Refers to his tel. Nov 23, 1900, and suggests the present time as opportune for making demand for, upon Chinese Govt. Encls report & map, rel to	11/4
	739	" 20	Instruction #359 acpld.	11/4
	740	" 20	Military Attache - Expenses for trip of, thro' Manchuria. Refers to instn #357, and states no authority will be given for said trip without his being 20 instructed by Dept	11/4
	741	" 21	Forbidden City - Formal delivery of, to Chinese authorities, Sept. 17th, 1901. Reports in regard to, and encls. Copy of Ceremonial, & corres. rel. to,	11/4
	742	" 21	Foreign troops at Shanghai, Withdrawal of, requested by His Excellency Liu Kunyi; Encls. request and suggests that it should receive respectful consideration	11/4
	743	" 23	Missionaries and their Converts in China. Encls. eleven rules proposed by Viceroy Chang Chih-tung for the control of, with comments of Rev. G. Owen & J. J. Sheffield. Documents fr. Catholic missionaries transmitted. Dept's views and instructions requested	11/4
	744	" 23	Student interpreters - Appt. of young men as, Considered necessary. Refers to previous corres. and recites his opinions as to the value of such a course	11/4

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Edwin H. Conger, C.E. & M.P.	755	Sept 24	Commission of Bankers provided for by final Protocol. Appointment of the Russo-Chinese Bank by the Russian Govt as its Representative, reported.	11/24
	756	" 24	Visit of certain Chinese officials to U.S. and Philippines to "solicit benevolences" &c. Correspondence with Viceroy of Chihli rel to passports for said officials enclosed. Comments, and suggests the advisability of observing their operations, &c.	11/24
	757	" 25	Assassination of Pres McKinley. Corres rel to, & copy of memorial services, enclosed	11/24
	758	" 26	President Roosevelt's accession. Confirms Depts tels, 25 inst, rel to sends copy of the note to Prince Ch'ing	11/24
	759	" 26	Minutes of Dips Corps. Corres with Chinese Plen^ries & Protocol of 3rd Conference, enclosed.	11/24
	760	" 28	Fukien - Low state of the Provincial Treasy of. - Encls. Sept 14th fr. Fuchau rel to.	11/12
	761	" 28	Newchwang - Naval vessel at, for the winter. Corres with Consul Miller enclosed, relating to the advisability of.	11/12
	Tel.	" 29	Visit of certain Chinese officials to U.S. & Philippines to "solicit benevolences &c". Requested to visa Passports for, by Earl Li. Instructions requested.	9/30
	762	Oct 1	Passport Return for Sept. Quarter transmitted.	11/12
	763	" 1	Gateway (new) proposed through Tartar City Wall for Legation Quarter. Embassy's proportion of the cost about $1,000^{oo} reported. Telegraphic instructions rel. to, desired. Encls. map showing location of.	11/12
	764	" 1	Instructions and unnumbered despatches acknld.	11/12
	765	" 1	Claims, direct settlement of Missionaries - Refers to Depts "361 & states Legation was only trying to comply with the repeated requests of Prince Ch'ing and Earl Li. Encls. Corres rel to, for Dept's better understanding of the matter.	11/12
	766	" 1	Educational reforms in China. - Two Edicts enclsd. rel to sending of students abroad & the establishing of schools, Much zeal exhibited in the matter.	11/12
	767	" 1	Imperial Court, Return of to Pekin. - Reports in regard to evident preparations being made for.	11/12
	768	" 2	Clerk of Legation - Salary from July 1st. to Aug 22nd, amounting to $122.07, while en route, paid out of his own pocket. Authority to draw for this amt. requested	11/12
W. P. Bainbridge, 2nd Secy Edwin H. Conger, C.E. & M.P.	—	" 2	Leave, with permission to visit U.S. in 1902, requested.	11/12
	769	" 3	Protocol (Final) with seals affixed, transmitted.	11/12
	770	" 3	Claims of am. citizens - Statement of losses of Chas. F. Gammon and North China Tract Society, enclsd.	11/12
	771	" 3	Decoration conferred by Chinese Govt on Mr. Hubbard J. Smith, transmitted	11/12
	772	" 3	Minutes of Disp. Corps. Printed copies of, transmitted	11/12
	773	" 5	Commission of Bankers. Manager of Deutsch-Asiatische Bank designated as	
	Tel.	" 7	Tariff - Cheng Hsuan-huai authorized to negotiate all commercial tariff revision provided by Protocol German delegate upon, reported.	11/12
	774	" 9	Tientsin - Abolishing of Provisional Govt at, urged by Chinese Govmt. Report enclosures, rel to, made by Secy Chas Denby, enclsd	11/12
	775	" 10	Indemnity Claims - direct settlement of. Encls. despatch from Consul at Fuchau, disapproving of,	11/12
	776	" 10	Reforms - bearing upon military instruction and the sale of titles and offices. Two Edicts enclsd.	11/12
	777	" 10	Tariff - Cheng Hsuan-huai apptd. Minister of Tariff & Trade to be advised by Liu K'un-i and Chang Chih-tung and assisted by J. P. Taylor and A. C. Hippesley. Confirms telegram of inst.	11/12
	778	" 11	Claim of Theo. C. Search for alleged services of late L. Boell Asst's "372, reports connection of the legation with the matter and his view of the merits of the case. Encls correspondence with the Agent of the National Association of manufacturers	11/19
	779	" 11	Concession, American, at Tientsin. Application has been made for the arrival of the difficulties created by the ownership of most of the land by two powerful Chinese Companies, and likely opposition on the part of Germany. Corres^ce cont. Refers to "259 of July 10, 1896. Text of tels. to & from Dept	11/19
	780	" 12	Visit of Chinese officials to the Philippines. Confirms tel. of Sept 29. Encls correspondence and text of passports visaed by the legation	11/19
	781	" 12	Chinkiang. Recognition granted to L. A. Stuart as Vice Consul at	11/19
	782	" 12	Hankow. Similar despatch regarding Vice Consul A. McCameron	11/19
	783	" 12	Tientsin. Similar despatch regarding Vice Consul H. B. Lagsdale	11/19

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E. H. Conger, Ekd.	✓ 774	Oct 14.	Indemnity. Fenchi representative on the Commission of Bankers appointed.	"/19
	775	" 14	Test of Dep's tel. of Oct 12	"/19
	✓ 776	" 14.	Indemnity. Text of the bond for the.	"/19
	✓ 777	" 15.	Exposition of St Louis. Em's notes to & from the Board of Foreign Affairs, invitation accepted by China.	"/19
	778	" 16	Reforms, administrative and educational. Edict of Oct 2 cir'd and discussed	"/19
F. R. '03	✓ 779	" 16	Foreign traders in Peking. Em's correspondence with the F.O. relative to the removal of, and the payment of octroi tax on all goods but those certified to be for the use of the legations. Prospects of Peking being made a Treaty Port discussed	"/19
E. T. Williams, Chinese Secy E. H. Conger. Ekd.	"	" 17	Leave to visit the US in the Spring of 1902 requested	"/19
	780	" 19	Supplies. Purchase of, from commissary stores. While accepting War Dep't decision in No. 352 explains that the apprehension of unfair competition with local trade is not founded.	12/2
	781	" 19	Test of Dep's tel of Oct 16	12/2
	Tel	" 18	Port of San-tu-ao, situated on largest island in Samsa Inlet, opened as a trade mart 1899. See Customs Report that year and my despts 224 and 225 and Circular of date June 13/99	12/2.
	782	" 19	Confirms above	12/2
	✓ 783	" 21	Meeting of the diplomatic Corps. Questions of collection and disposal of duties pledged for the indemnity, of Octroi taxes and exclusion of foreign merchants at Peking, and of duties on goods imported over the Siberian frontier examined.	12/2
	784	" 21	Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. Austro Hungarian Minister Baron Gikam de Wahlborn becomes, during the absence on leave of the Spanish Minister.	12/2
	785	" 22	Visit of U.S. War vessels to New Chwang. Transmits inclosure omitted in "680.	12/2
	786	" 22	Trip of Tao Tsai Yuan, upstart Senior Secretary of the Board. Em's note from the F.O. announcing his proposed visit to the US.	12/2
	✓ 787	" 23	Foreign troops at Shanghai. Withdrawal again requested by Viceroy at Nanking. Refers to "742 and Em's request and recommendation by US Consul	12/2
	✓ 788	" 24	Protocol, final. duplicate copies in French and Chinese transmitted	12/2
	✓ 789	" 24.	Minutes of proceedings of the meetings of the Dip. Corps and of the 1st Session of the Indemnity Commission transmitted.	12/2
	✓ 790	" 24.	Indemnity. Text of the bond in French and Chinese Encls	12/2
	791	" 24	Customs Concessions requested for F. M. Knobel, Min. of the Netherlands to China.	12/9
	✓ 792	" 29	Bankers' Commission in Shanghai. Mr Speedman appointed delegate of the Netherlands.	12/9
	793	" 29	Blank books for the legation requested	12/9
	✓ 794	" 30.	Russian negotiations concerning Manchuria. Em's clipping from the North China Daily News giving an outline of the Russian demands.	12/9
	795	" 30	Board of Foreign affairs. Li Hung Chang to discharge the duties of President of the, during the absence of Prince Ching ordered to K'ai feng to meet the court	12/9
	796	" 30	Trip of German and British Ministers to Southern ports reported.	12/9
	Tel	" 27	Bonds of the American China Development Co. "Your cipher tel. 248: Belgian contract pledges general revenues of China in payment of bonds. Belgian and French Ministers notified F.O. on Sept. 10th that they claim priority over all subsequent issues. Chinese Govt has not yet replied. No further action taken. Art 2 provisional contract of Am Ch. Dev. Co. exempts Customs from first lien."	10/17
	✓ 797	" 30	Same subject. Em's text of tels from & to Dep't, and of Art VII of the final Belgian contract, gives substance of representations made by the French & Belg. Ministers.	12/9
	✓ 798	" 31	Tonnage dues collected on a native junk chartered by an American missionary. Submits complaint made by the Rev Mr Ruhl; Em's despatch from Consul at Hankow and correspt with Prince Ching who has ordered an investigation.	12/9
	✓ 799	" 31	Traveling in the Interior. Requirement of passports and previous notice of movements. Em's correspt with the Board of Fin and circular letter to Missionaries	12/9
	✓ 800	" 31	Protest of the American China Development Co. Concessions of Railways and Mines to the Belgian Syndicate in violation of the. Encls text of Dep's tel. of Oct 17 and correspondence with the Board of Fin. Nothing will be done until further instructions have been received by the legation.	12/9
	✓ 801	" 31	Claim of the American Trading Co. Refers to No 367, and Em's correspt with the Board of Fin. in regard to fulfilment of promise of $2000 indemnity	12/9

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Wm W. Rockhill, Spl Comr	159	Oct 30.	artillery for legation. auth's "35 and expenses of immediate attachment, is neither necessary nor advisable	12/30
	2	Nov. 1	Claims of U.S. citizens. Views on the best method for the examination of, submitted; memorandum of the Solicitor on the subject attached - discussed	12/13
Edwin H. Conger, Esq Min P.	802	. 1	"364 to 381 and unnumbered Imprs. of Aug - Sept acct's	12/16.
	803	. 4	Bankers' Commission in Shanghai. Manager of the Branch of Yokohama Specie Bank at Shanghai appointed Japanese representative on the.	12/16
	804	. 4	Citizenship of Lam Ching Wai, naturalized a citizen of Hawaii in 1886. Question submitted to the Dep. together with papers bearing on the case	12/6
	805	. 4	Eclipse of the Sun. Enc's note from Prince Ching notifying legation of the edict prescribing rites for the rescue of the Sun.	12/6
	806	. 4	Death of Hsu Shou p'ing, Vice President of the Foreign Affrs. reported	12/16
	807	. 6	Minutes of proceedings of the meetings of the foreign representatives duplicates of the, in "789, transmitted.	12/6
	Tel	. 6	Death of Li Hung Chang is momentarily expected.	12/6
	Tel	. 7	Same subject. "Earl Li died at 11.15 this morning."	12/7
	808	. 7	Foreign Office. Appointment of Li Hai huan as Vice President of the, reported Antecedents and qualifications of the appointee	12/16.
	809	. 7	Text of tel. from to Dep of Nov 6 & 7.	12/16
	Tel	. 8	Death of Li Hung Chang. "Yuan Shih k'ai has been appointed Vice roy and Wang Wen Shao Plenipotentiary to take the place of Li deceased."	11/8.
	810	. 9	Russian negotiations concerning Manchuria. Enc's report of interview of Chinese Sec'y Williams with Sec. Hsu embodying the substance of the convention the signature of which was prevented through Japanese Legation and the Vice Roys of the Yang tze; points out the danger to American commercial interests and suggests direct action at St Petersburg	12/23
	811	. 11.	Telegraphy wireless, between Peking and Tacau. Submits, without approving it, scheme proposed by the Belgian legation on behalf of the Belgian Marconi Co	12/13.
	812.	. 11	Vice Roy Yuan Shih. k'ai. Confirms tel. of Nov 8 and sends tel. of congratulations as directed by the Dep. and reply from the Vice Roy	12/23
	813	. 13	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Supplementary claims of McClay & Co and American Bible Society Statements transmitted.	12/23.
	814.	. 13.	Chinese Plenipotentiary Wang Wen Shao. Encs notice of his appointment and gives statement of his official record and character.	12/23.
	815	. 13	Earl Li Hung Chang. History of his career and of the events with which he was prominently connected; Enc's edicts bestowing posthumous honors upon him, and speech of condolence of the Chancellor of the Dep. Corps at the funeral ceremonies which will continue for several weeks	12/23
	816.	. 14.	Stationing of the U.S.S. "Vicksburg" at Newchwang for the winter. Encs correspce with Acting Consul Keasbey and Consul Miller rel to the.	12/23
	817	. 15	Vice Roy of Chihli. Enc's decree appointing Yüan Shih k'ai and gives a history of Yüan's official career and political antecedents.	12/2
	818	. 15	Bankers' Commission, provided by Paragraph 6 of Art 6 of the Protocol. C. G. Sellier, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation appointed by Great Britain	12/2
	819	. 18	"388 acct's	12/2
	820	. 18	Reef in the approaches to Pitauwo. Marine notice Encl	12/2
	Tel	. 18	Russian negotiations concerning Manchuria. "Manchurian negotiations delayed until the return of Prince Ching about Dec 1. Principal objectionable features are exclusive mining and railway privileges and long term of occupation by Russia. Russia is still collecting native Customs at Newchwang which are pledged to indemnity since Nov. 11. Wrote fully Nov. 9."	11/18.
	Tel	. 19	Same subject. "I am credibly informed that Prince Ch'ing is returning from the Court with instructions to sign Manchurian Convention.	11/19
	821	. 20	Text of two tels. above	12/2
	822	. 20	Legation Premises. Request of the owner, Chas Denby, for consent to give up, the on June 30. Discusses the feasibility of compliance with the request	12/2
	Tel	. 23	Same subject. "Suggest six months' extension of lease as a compromise with Denby."	11/23
	823	. 23.	Tariff Revision. J. J. Shanetis recognized as Commissioner of the U.S. Consulate Encl	12/2

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Edwin H. Conger, Envoy	Tel.	Nov. 23.	Bankers' Commission. "Most of the Powers have appointed members of the Commission of Bankers at Shanghai and my colleagues think an early meeting necessary."	11/23.
	824	" 23	Same subject. Confirms above. All the powers, except the U.S., Italy, Spain and Belgium are now represented.	1/2
	825	" 26	Legation Premises. Confirms his telegram of Nov. 23, and correspondence with C. Denby Jr. and gives reasons why the compromise suggested by him could and ought to be resorted to.	1/10.
	826	" 26	Same subject. Exchange desired by Belgian Legation. Referring to his of. Oct 10, submits reasons why it is preferable not to agree to it; diagram of ground owned by legation and	1/10.
	827	" 26	Same subject. Matter has been settled by Italian Legation giving a lot to the Belgian interpreter.	1/10.
	828	" 27	Furniture and property damaged or destroyed during the siege. Refers to dep. 465 and asks whether claim is to be preferred for	1/10.
	829	" 27	Seizure of the Tientsin University by military German authorities transmits correspondence with Consul Ragsdale, Used from Customs Taotai to Mr Conger and German Concession at Tientsin.	1/10.
	830	" 28	Death of Li Hung Chang. Encs additional correspondence with dep. and Imperial decree bestowing posthumous honors.	1/10.
	831.	" 28.	Exposition at St Louis. Further correspondence with Dep. Encl	1/10.
	832	" 30	Contract of the American China Development Co. Concessions to the Franco Belgian syndicate have not yet been confirmed, and will not receive the support of the Belgian Ministers. Encs note to the Board of Foreign affairs asking protection of American rights and suggests that steps be taken to take active steps in the promotion of its interests	1/15.
	833	" 30	Foreign legations at Peking. Encs list of personnel of	1/15.
	834	" 30	Railway Contract of the American China Development Co. Reports facts concerning the violation of the, by Vice Gen. Sheng, Encs preliminary note of protest to the Foreign office, suggests that more positive instructions be sent him after examination of the contracts in Washington. Reply to 392.	1/15.
	835	Dec 1	382 to 397 and unnumbered despatches asked	1/15.
Wm. W. Rockhill. Spl Amb. Edwin H. Conger Envoy	—	Nov 30.	Report of his mission to China.	12/5.
F. R. '02	Tel	Dec 3.	"Heir apparent deposed; successor not yet selected".	12/3
	Tel	" 3.	Russian Convention concerning Manchuria. Reports substance of the, which Prince Ching has been authorized to sign and asks whether any action shall be taken	12/3.
	836	" 4	Same subject. Confirms above, Prince Ching declines to make the terms of the convention known; British and Japanese Ministers have protested in a general way; U.S. legation will not join, except under instructions owing to the peculiarly difficult position of China in the matter.	1/15.
	837	" 4	Minister of China to Great Britain, Italy and Belgium. Appointment and antecedents of Chang Tê-i reported; notes from the Foreign Boards encl'd	1/15.
	838	" 4	Suit in the Consular Court of the U.S. at Shanghai. Referring to the case of Mc Neill vs Cunning & Co, in a matter of a license fee, reported by the Carlton. Encs copies of the legation with the Council.	1/15.
	839	" 4	Women. Status of, in China. Encs duplicate copies of a report, one of which to be forwarded to Miss M. Gordon for the National Convention of Am: Woman Suffrage Ass'n	1/15.
	840	" 4	Heir Apparent. Deposition of P'u-chün. Confirms tel. of Dec 3, Embodies decrees and reports possibilities concerning choice of his successor	1/15
	841	" 5	Protocol, final. Six additional copies of French and Chinese texts forwarded; attention called to Errata in French text.	1/15.
	842	" 5	Seal for the legation requested.	1/15.
	843	" 8	Anti foreign feeling. Subsidence of, in the Southern provinces and possibility of secession from the Manchus in the future discussed in encl article of the North China Daily News of Nov. 27, 1901.	1/15.
	844	" 12	Claim of the South Chihli Mission. Statement of H. W. Moulding, transmitted	1/15.
F. R. '02	845	" 12	Protection of Missionaries by U.S. naval forces. Vessels have been instructed, at the request of Adm Remey, to furnish him with maps and general useful information concerning navigable waters nearest to missionary stations.	1/15.

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Edwin H. Conger. Envoy Ext. & Min. Plen.	846	Dec. 12	Russian Convention touching Manchuria. Dip's tel. of Dec. 6 deploring the attitude of the U.S. has been given to Prince Ching, who, in an interview, sets forth the various changes and modifications which China proposes to ask.	1/5
	847	" 12	Bankers' Commission to receive indemnity. Encs Sir Robert Hart's letter to the Dean of the Dip. Corps making inquiry in regard to the.	2/3
	Tel	" 16	Claims" Citizens of the U.S. greatly embarrassed by delay in adjustment of their indemnities ask me to urge their early determination in order that they may know upon what to rely in planning for the future."	12/16.
	848	" 17	Same subject Confirms above, Encs letters from and to Chas Denby Jr and notice issued by British Claims Commissioner announcing the opening of a Register for Brit Claimants.	2/3.
	849	" 18	Same subject James W. McCann's statement of property lost during Boxer disturbances Encl	2/3
	850	" 18	Same subject Enoch Emery, claiming U.S. citizenship, has preferred a claim for losses in Siberia and been advised to make his statement in the proper form	2/3
	Tel.	" 17	Legation premises." Present premises overcrowded. There is no room for Korean Embassy until we vacate."	12/17
	851	" 18	Same subject. List of tels from and to dep't	2/3
	852	" 18	Bankers' Commission. Austria Hungary will be represented by the manager of the Deutsche Asiatische Bank at Shanghai.	2/3
	853	" 18	Missionaries' claims. Direct settlement. Rev. John Woodberry appointed representative of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Refers to #755 and encs notes to & from Foreign Board.	2/3.
	854.	" 21	List of dep's of Dec 19.	2/3
	855	" 20	Bankers Commission. Italian Govt has appointed Sen Luzzi Sé and the Consul. of Italy will act pending Luzzi Sé's arrival.	2/3
	Tel	" 21	Same subject. "Immediate appointment of our members Bankers' Com. important."	12/21
	856	" 23	Tonnage dues collected on native junks chartered by Rev Mr Ruhl. Orders have been issued to refund the. Refers to #798 and encs correspondence	2/3
	857	" 24	Indemnity bonds. Apportionment of, has not yet been effected; solution proposed by Legation that each power agrees to a prorata reduction of its original claim; amounts of such claims stated; attitude of various representatives reported	2/3
	858	" 24	Tientsin. Restoration of to Chinese authorities. Encs memorandum of Viceroy of Chihli urging the, gives reasons why request should be complied with, and reports the attitude of the various representatives on the question.	2/3.
	859	" 24	Arms and ammunition smuggled into Chefoo are seized and turned over to Chinese authorities, thus evading prohibition enjoined in Protocol. Proposition of Sir Robert Hart that Senior Consuls take possession of and pay reward for the arms rejected by the Dip. Corps. Instr requested. Corres with Consul at Chefoo Encs.	2/3.
	860	" 24	Bankers' Commission. Netherlands will be represented by Director of the Russo Chinese Bank at Shanghai during the absence of Mr. Spielman.	2/3
	861	" 24	Legation Premises. French architect will furnish plans for a commission of 1½ to 2% but cannot give an estimate of the cost until informed of the material to be used	2/3
	Tel	" 24	Bankers' Commission." Preparing for Jan. indemnity payment Chinese Plenipotentiaries are requesting names and composition of Bankers' Commission. Organization only waits for the U.S. If permanent appointee is not now in Shanghai, authorize Consul. act provisionally. Please reply."	12/24.
	862	" 26	Same subject. Belgium will be represented by Chevalier Adrien de Bellotte and until his arrival by the Belgian Consul General	2/3
	863	" 26	Demands. joint, of the British and U.S. Ministers. Encs clipping from Japanese newspaper reporting alleged, and denies that there is any truth in it.	2/3
	864	" 26	Bankers' Commission. Confirms tels of Dec 21 and 24, encs correspondence of Sir Robert Hart with the Dean of the Corps, and offers some remarks in regard to the organization and functions of the Commission and the allowance of interest to China on money deposited with Commission on a/c of the indemnity.	2/3
Herbert G. Squiers Secy Edwin H. Conger. Envoy Ext. & Min. Plen.		" 26	Leave of absence of 60 days requested	12/26
	Tel	" 28	Bankers' Commission." My colleagues insist that permanent delegate be first named in order to entitle provisional delegate to act. This rule has been strictly followed so far. Cannot the name of the permanent appointee be wired to me at once."	12/28

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Edwin H. Conger, Esq.	Tel	Dec. 29	Indemnity bonds do not cover aggregate amount of claims by some ten millions. Other powers are unwilling to assent to prorata reduction and publication of news that Chinese will return 18 millions to China may create difficulties. Imp: reply	1/9.
	865	" 31	Bankers' Commission. Spain has appointed Gaston Mayer of Banque de l'Indo Chine on the U.S. now the only power not represented.	1/31
F. R. '02	Tel	" 31	Rehabilitation "Chang Yin huan rehabilitated"	1/3.
	866	1902 Jan 2	Passport Returns for December quarter.	2/10
	867	" 2	"398 to 413 not numbered Inclosures of Dec 6 Nov. and).	2/10.
F. R. '02	868	" 2	Rehabilitation of Chang Yin huan. Confirms tel. of Dec 31; gives an account of Chang's official career and falling out of grace and Emp's decree of rehabilitation and accompanying note from the Foreign Office.	2/10
	869	" 2	Donation to Columbia University of a collection of Chinese literature in the 10000 vols. Con's correspondence relative to the.	2/10.
	870	" 3	Text of tels of Dec 28 from me to the Dept	2/10
	871	" 3	Text of tels of Dec 28 and 30 to & from the Dept	2/10.
F. R. '02	Tel	" 7	Return of the Court entered Imperial Palace 10 o'clock P.M. to day. Perfect order prevails."	1/7
F. R. '02	872	" 7	Same subject. Confirms above, gives an account of the return of the court which was witnessed by the heads of the dip. corps but not by the Ministers. Foreign troops and civilians requested to keep out of the way of the Imperial cortege. Corres. & decrees Enc.	2/19
	873	" 8	Discrimination at Russian ports in China against Newchwang. Con's complaint of American Trading Co that goods imported duty free at Dalny are allowed into Manchuria in coasting competition to the port of Newchwang where 5% duty is charged. Gives reasons why no action was taken on request for equal treatment.	2/19
F. R. '02	Tel	" 7	Conflicts between Md. Seamen and Russian soldiers at Newchwang. Gives substance of memo handed him by Russian minister and suggests that orders be issued to restrain Md. Seamen.	1/7
F. R. '02	874	" 8	Same subject. Confirms above, Encs memos from and to Russian legation, reports conversation with the Minister. Conditions apparently arise from the mutual distrust and feelings of the Russian military authorities and the Consular Corps	2/19
	875	" 9	Bankers' Commission. Con's list of tels and corres. rel to the appoint. of Jas. J. Egan	2/19
	876	" 9	Navigation of the Pei Ho River. Request of the Provisional Govt of Tientsin for preliminary soundings has been trans'd to Rear Admiral Remey. Corres. Enc.	2/19
	877	" 9	Publications Customs Gazette trans'd.	2/19
F. R. '02	878	" 9	Anti Christian outrages in Kiangsu have been reported to the court by Chinese authorities. Edicts have already been issued for the protection of Christians and the punishment of the guilty. Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang is believed to have instigated the outrages.	2/19
	879	" 11	Property acquired in the Md legation quarter. Con's Robert Coltman Jr's claim in equity to a temple which he alleges to have purchased, the priest however denying that he ever received any money for the property.	2/19
	Tel	" 10	Legation Premises. "Your tel. of the 9th. Impossible to rent suitable quarters but can repair for temporary occupation Chinese building now owned by Govt. for about $5000. Will be very uncomfortable in the winter and miserable for archives. Unless compromise can be made with Denby and new buildings rushed, it would be economy to renew lease for four years and take time to build well."	1/10.
	880	" 11	Same subject. Confirms above and repeats details therein condensed	2/19
	881	" 11	Treaty Revision. Submits inquiry, suggested by inclosed interview, whether Gen Sherretts has been empowered to take part in the.	2/19
	882	" 11	Indemnity bonds. Amount of claims exceeds the aggregate of by over 150,000,000 tels. Prorata reduction is initially agreed to by all the foreign representatives except the English and Japanese. Reports on the possible outcome of the difficulty.	2/27
	883	" 14	Bonds of the American China Development Co. Right of priority of the Lu Han Ry bonds vested in the Belgian syndicate admitted by China in Emp's note to Belgian Charge d'Affaires. Text of tels of Oct 24 & 27 from to Dept. Ref to 797	2/27
Herbert G. Squiers, Sec'y	"	" 10	Land purchased by him in the legation quarter of Peking after the siege. Asks to be permitted to have his title registered in Md. legation.	2/10
	"	" 28	Same subject. Gives such of the particulars as he has at hand. in compliance with request of Jan 20.	2/27

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Edwin H. Conger, E. & M.P.	884	Jan 16	Railways and Mines. Ministry of, created by Imp. decree appointing Wang Wen Shao as Minister, and making subordinate appointments.	3/17
F. R. '02	885	" 16	Reforms. Edict issued with aims at a reorganization of institutions of learning and restoration of friendly intercourse with foreigners; it is doubted however that the spirit of the same will be earnestly carried out	3/17
	886	" 21	Claim of the American Trading Co. Settlement in the sum of $2000 reported. Left to Min.	3/8
F. R. '02	887	" 21	Protection of native converts by missionaries. Encs report from Carlton Goodnow and his correspondence with Viceroy regarding conflicts between Catholics and Protestant natives referred to in Desp. 1105.	3/8
	888	" 21	Foreign advisers to Chinese Govt. Appointments have merely been recommended by Viceroy Yuan Shih K'ai. Reply to Tel. of Jan 2.	3/8
	889	" 21	American Concession at Tientsin. Recites difficulties in the way of securing an either for military purposes as indicated in Des. 417 or for a commercial establishment. Encs map of the concessions to other countries, showing location suggested by Consul Ragsdale and diagram of former Am. Concession; also correspondence with Consul Ragsdale	3/5.
F. R. '02	890	" 22	Native missionaries. Obnoxious request of Taot'ai of Kiukiang for the recall of the Encs; it has been protested against and acknowledged by the F.O. as violative of treaty rights.	3/8.
	891	" 22	Arms imported into China. Little information can be had concerning the, but large quantities are manufactured in the South; no production can be safely made of the results of discontent in the South and of the reorganization of Chinese army P. 421.	3/6
	892	" 22	Viceroy Yuan Shih K'ai appointed consulting member of the Bd. of Mail Administration.	3/8.
	893	" 23	Text of Dep's tel of Jan 21.	3/6
	894.	" 23	Legation Premises. Mr. Denby has been informed of the Dep's desire to extend the lease for 6 mos	3/8.
	895	" 27	Tientsin. Rank of Consul at should be raised to Consul General as that of the leading nations there. Encs letter to Consul Ragsdale	3/8.
	896	" 27	American Concession at Tientsin. Refers to 889, Encs petition of American residents in favor of, and corresp. with Consul Ragsdale	3/7
	897	" 29	Press Copy books requested	3/8.
F. R. '02	Tel	" 29	Russian negotiations rel to Manchuria. Reports that Prince Ching is about to yield and sign Convention as outlined in Des. 846 and agreement practically conceding exclusive privileges to the Russo Chinese Bank. Representations of the Dept have been laid before the Chinese Govt; similar repns made by Jap. & Brit Mins.	1/29
F. R. '02	898	" 29	Same subject. Confirms above and reports at length conversation with Prince Ching.	3/8
	899	" 30	Treaty Revision. Substance of Dep's tel of Jan 21 has been made known to Chin. Govt. Preliminary negotiations will be continued at Shanghai by Carlton and J. F. Seaman	3/8.
	900	" 30	Coronation of King Edward VII. Tsai Chen, a son of Prince Ching, appointed Special Envoy to attend this; the young prince is comparatively unknown	3/8.
	901	" 30	Tientsin. Military Occupation of Encs minutes of Conference of military Commanders rel to the withdrawal of the reserve and reduction of permanent garrison	3/8.
	902	" 30	Contracts of the American China Development Co. Encs corresp. with F.O. rel to the reorganization of the Co and its intention to resume operations, as stated in Des. 425.	3/8
	903	Feb. 1	Nos 414 to 429 and unnumbered Desps acknd	3/25.
	Tel	" 1	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. French objections to Whangpoo Conservancy scheme have been satisfactorily arranged. No other objections to organization known here."	2/1
	904	" 1	Same subject. Confirms above. French objections were withdrawn on assurance that provisions were not applicable to lands within foreign Concessions.	3/25.
Wm W. Rockhill has left Conger, E. & M.P.	"	" 1	Same subject: Incloses newspaper clipping giving grounds of French objections	2/1
	Tel	" 2	Indemnity due under the protocol." Replying your tel. of yesterday, first payment on account of indemnity was made Jan. 31st."	2/2
F. R. '02	905	" 11	Russian negotiations rel to Manchuria. Encs note communicating dep's tel to the Foreign office and reports interview with Russian Min. on the subject	3/25.
F. R. '02	906	" 5	Audience to the Diplomatic Corps by the Emperor and Empress Dowager and reception of the ladies by the Empress Dowager reported. Text of addresses and replies, and of Ceremonial, Encd.	3/15.
	907	" 5	Bankers' Commission to receive indemnity. Request of Portuguese Minister to be represented on the will probably be rejected. Instructions requested; if request is granted other small powers will claim the same privilege	3/15.

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Edwin H. Conger, Envoy	908	Feb. 6	Text of tels from & to Dept of Feb 1, 2 and 5.	3/25
	909	" 6	Manchuria. Conditions in: Report of Mil. Att. Capt Reeves, transmitted	3/25
F. R. '02	910	" 6	Reforms. Edicts removing prohibition of marriage between Manchus and Chinese and providing for the selection of students to be sent abroad. Encls	3/25
✓	911	" 6	Bankers' Commission. Regulations proposed by the. Encls etc, with accompanying letter from U.S. agent Fearon, and reply giving action taken thereon by the Diplo Corps. Some of the clauses could not be agreed to owing to the impossibility of coming to an understanding in regard to a prorata reduction of claims. Declarations of Brit Mini. Encls.	3/25
✓	912	" 7	Legation Quarters. New gateway referred to in #753 is in course of construction. In default of instructions requested in #753, quota of Gold $778 Mex was paid by Mini Conger	3/25
	913	" 7	Expenses of trip to Manchuria. Encls Capt Reeve's presenting account of his, and approves suggestion that remainder of allowance be kept at his disposal for future trips.	3/25
✓	914	" 11	Legation guards. Map of the, by Col Brown incl. Lett. of the British legation, forwd Reports present and contemplated use of parts allotted to the U.S.	3/25
✓	915	" 11	American Church and Y.M.C.A. building in U.S. legation grounds. Encls with his approval, petition of American residents for the erection of, and plan showing location	3/25
	Tel.	" 11	Legation buildings. Employment of French Architect Carré. Reports press asked by Carré for the several grades of services and requests instructions.	3/11
✓	916	" 12	Same subject: Text of tel from & to Dept. Requests original copy of cipher, to verify allegation of Tel Co that it was correctly transmitted as filed	3/25
	Tel	" 13	Anglo Japanese alliance. Prince Ch'ing greatly pleased and encouraged by Brit. Jap. agreement presented yesterday. It will materially strengthen Chinese Govt in Manchurian negotiations	3/13
✓	917	" 13	Same subject. Confirms above, Encls text of the agreement, and discusses its possible effects on the course of events in the Far East	4/3
✓	918	" 14	Bankers' Commission. Grant will be represented by Fernand Augustin, Director of the Banque de l'Indo Chine.	4/3
F. R. '02 ✓	919	" 15	Citizenship of H. Krippendorf, who merely declared his intention to become U.S. citizen and has been arrested by the German Consul at Tientsin for an offence committed in Germany. Encls comes with Consul at Tientsin.	4/3
	920	" 20	Blank books asked	4/3
	921	" 20	List of military attaché Encls Capt Reeve's letter inquiring regarding his draft for $300 being paid by the War or State Dept.	4/3
✓	922	" 21	Precedence. Question of, between the Military attaché and the Commanding officer of the legation guard. Reports usage in other legations and his own views based on Diplomatic and Consular Instructions	4/9
✓	923	" 24	Treaty Revision. Appointment of Lu Hai-huang as an associate with Sheng. Encls edict and recites briefly his antecedents.	4/9
F. R. '02	924	" 25	Rehabilitation of Chang Yin huan. Encls ltr. of thanks from & reply to Chang's children.	4/9
✓	925	" 25	Consular supplies admitted free of duty, on application of the Consuls to Customs.	4/9
	926	" 25	Mining Affairs. Appointment of Chang I, as General Manager, and two associates, reported	4/9
	927	" 27	Furniture for legation. Accounts and vouchers transmitted	4/9
	Tel.	" 22	Bonds of American China Development Co. Refers to Ins: 402 and 406 and asks whether Co's claim to priority shall be supported by the legation	3/22
✓	928	" 27	Same subject. Confirms above; Encls letter from the Co's agent J.S. Fearon and note transmitting same to the F.O.	4/9
	929	Mar 3	Seal for the legation asked. Ins: 438 complied with.	4/8
	930	" 3	Directory for China as transd.	4/8
✓	931	" 3	Indemnity due by China. Brit representative on the Bankers' Commission has been instructed by the Brit. Min. not to accept further the provisional apportionment. 2nd payment by China not made for that reason. Encls correspdce with US agent Fearon, including regulations proposed by the Taotai and request for interest on payments by China, circular note from Brit Min. urging reduction of various claims and his own endorsement thereon	4/8
Herbert G. Squiers Secy	✓	" 2	Leave. Extension of 30 days requested. Doctor's certificate Encls	4/3
✓	✓	" 5	Land in legations quarter purchased by him. Reply to Solicitor's request for information concerning the.	4/3

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Edwin H. Conger, E. and P.	Tel	March 4.	Consulate in China. Advocates U.S. ownership of all its, refers to contemplated purchase of the Consulate at Chefoo	3/4.
F.R. '02	932	" 4	Russian negotiations concerning Manchuria. Enc's text of propositions submitted to Russia by Prince Ching. Points out clauses open to objection.	4/8
	933	" 4.	Duty on medical supplies. Exemption requested by Dr Irwin for medicines intended for hospitals presented to and denied by the F.O. Refusal concurred in by all Ministers except the Portuguese Min who claims the benefit of old treaty, Portugal not having signed the Protocol. Question of application of most favored nation clause raised thereby.	4/9
	934.	" 5.	Posting of Edicts as required by Art X of the Protocol. Enc's corresp re relative to the failure of local authorities of Fau Ch'eng to comply with the protocol.	4/8.
	935.	" 5	Exclusion of Chinese from the Philippines. Protest of the F.O. Enclsd	4/8.
	936	" 6	Test of Dep's tel. of mar.	4/8.
	937	" 6.	New Year's Audience to the Dip Corps and reception of the ladies by the Empress Dowager, reported.	4/8
	938	" 7	Mixed Court of Shanghai. Rules agreed upon by the Consular Corps Enc'd as directed in "882	4/17
	Tel	" 8	Passport Blanks. Supply of, requested.	3/8
	939	" 8	Confirms above	4/19
	940	" 10.	Legation buildings. Sketch plans and estimates by M. Carri transmitted; explanations and suggestions offered. Telegraphic instr requested	4/19
	Tel	" 11	Chinese Exclusion Act. F.O. asks me to telegraph request of Chinese Govt that recently Exclusion Act may be more lenient."	3/11
	941	" 12	Same subject. Confirms above and Carr's note from F.O.	4/19
	942	" 13	"445 acctd.	4/19
	943	" 13	Bankers' Commission. No agreement yet reached by Dip Corps concerning the reception of the February instalment by the.	4/19
	944	" 13	Special Mission to Spain on the occasion of the Coronation of the King. announces appointment of Chang Tê-i, on the.	4/19
	945	" 13	Commercial Treaties. Revision of. Refs "443; Great Britain the only power that has thus far begun negotiations; Sheng Hsuan huai and Lu Hai huan appointed Chinese Commissioners.	4/19
	946	" 13	Rights of the American China Development Co. Action will be taken on Dep's tel of March upon the arrival in China of General Manager Bray.	4/19
	Tel	" 13	Transportation to Shanghai on U.S.S. "Vicksburg" for himself, requested.	3/13.
	947	" 14	Claims of Brit. citizens. Sec'y Lord E. Bambridge and Consul Ragsdale have been appointed by him on the Commission as instructed by dep's tel of Mar 13 and No. 463. Enc's text of instruction issued to the Commissioners; inquiring as to their expenses.	4/26
F.R. '02	948	" 15.	Russian negotiations concerning Manchuria. Russian Min will consent to make the term of evacuation 18 mos. and perhaps 15 mos. instead of three years. British objections likely to be withdrawn.	4/26.
	949	" 15.	Simoun. Restoration of, to Chinese authorities. Representatives of the 6 powers have agreed to effect this, after the destruction of the forts and on certain conditions of guaranty that Peiho improvement scheme will be carried out	4/21.
F.R. '02	950	" 19	Thibet. Traveling and residence in. Chinese Govt. declines permits to the Rev Messrs Ruhl and Snyder, owing to conditions in that country. Legation acquiesces	4/26.
F.R. '02	951	" 19	Uprising in Kwangsi. Origin, extent and suppression of an, reported. Corresp'ce Enc'd	4/26.
	952	" 20	Insp. to Manchuria. Enc's original report of Mil. Att. Reeves and requests return of copy in "909.	4/26.
		" 20	Customs Cruisers at San Francisco requested for the wife of 2nd Secy Bainbridge	4/26
	953	" 20	Transportation to Shanghai on U.S.S "Vicksburg". Confirms tel of Mar 13 and gives reasons for his request.	4/26.
		" 21	Typewriting machine and ribbons requested	4/26.
	954	" 21	Test of Dep's tel. of Mar 20.	4/28.
E. T. Williams, Chinese Secy Edwin H. Conger, E. and P.		" 24	Departure on leave for U.S., this day, reported.	4/28.
	955.	" 24	Same subject. Vice J. J. Barchet, of the Consulate at Shanghai, will act during Williams' absence. Question of compensation for the former's substitute at Shanghai, presented	4/28.

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Edwin H. Conger, Chargé.	C.C. F.R. '02	956	Mar 27	Riot in the province of Honan, destruction of Catholic native property and lives reported; punitive decree encl'd; action taken by the legation for the protection of American missionaries at Sui Yang.	4/28.
		957	" 27	Alliance Declaration of Russia and France in reply to the Anglo Japanese Convention Enc's and commented on.	4/28.
		958	" 29	Publications of the Imperial Maritime Customs, transmitted	5/14
	F.R. '02	959	" 29	Student Interpreters. Rejection of appropriation for, in China, regretted. Points out absolute necessity for such a service and offers suggestions.	5/14
		960	" 31	Assistance to Dr Laufer. Reports the arrival of Dr Laufer & his presentation to the F.O.	5/14.
		961	" 31	Claim of R.S. Ingraham. Consul at Tientsin has been called upon for a report	5/14.
		962	" 31	"H61 acted	5/14
	F.R. '02	963	Apl 2	New Chwang. Good effects of the presence of the U.S.S. Vicksburg at. reported in letter from Consul Miller.	5/14
		Tel	" 2	Legation buildings. "Sketch plans mailed Dranch 3. Working plans now ready. Carré ordered to Europe. Impossible find good Superintendent here if you cannot send one, I shall do best possible."	4/2
		964	" 2	Same subject. Confirms above; work will under any circumstances extend into the year 1903	5/14
		965	" 4	Mining Regulations as sanctioned by the Chinese Govt. encl'd, together with note making a general objection to the same	5/14
		Tel.	" 5	Treaty Revision. "Sail on Wilmington for Shanghai to day."	5/5.
		966	" 5	Same subject. Chinese Commissioners appointed to negotiate. but not to sign until after reference to Pekin. Enc's notes to and from F.O.	5/14.
W. E. Bainbridge, 2nd Secy			" 8	New Chwang Statement by Con. Miller of revenues collected by Russia in 1901	5/14.
			" 8	Printed Minutes of meeting of diplomatic Corps on Oct 12, 1901 (negotiations after Boxer)	5/14.
	F.R. '02	Tel	" 8	Russian negotiations concerning Manchuria. "Manchurian convention signed to day"	4/8.
			" 10	Passport refused to Mary Anderson, who produced certificate of declaration of intention only.	5/14.
Edwin H. Conger.	C.C. & F.R.	Tel	" 15	Tariff Revision. Finds not objections to proposals made by the British. Reports and requests approval of proposal to abolish likin taxes, and to agree to the 7½ duties in return.	
		Tel	" 16	Same subject. "In my tel. of 15th concerning export duties only used to reduce instead of to abolish."	
W. E. Bainbridge	2nd Secy F.R. '02		" 17	Russo-Chinese Manchurian Convention signed 8th inst at Peking. French text enclosed.	5/20
			" 17	New Chwang. Encls 8th inst from Consul reporting attack upon a detachment of Russian soldiers by a band of robbers near the old city of Mukden, 2d inst	5/20
			" 18	River Improvements. Enc's report of the Peiho Conservancy board published in the China Times.	5/4.
			" 25	Printed Minutes of meeting of the Dip. Corps. Continuation of minutes from Oct. 4 & 8.	6/4.
Edwin H. Conger, 2nd Mr.		Tel.	" 19	"Return Peking to day."	6/17
		967	" 24	Treaty Revision. Report on his trip to Shanghai and present stage of the negotiations; attitude of Great Britain and Japan on the question of likin. Expenses of the Commission. Inquiry regarding the.	6/13
		968	" 25	Foreign Office of China. Dno. 464 will be borne in mind.	6/13
		969	" 28	Native Christians. Edict for the protection of, encl'd.	6/13.
		970	" 29	Claim of Wm. F. T. Ward's heirs will be presented at some opportune time, as inst No. 476	6/13.
		971	" 29	Russian Exclusive Rights in Manchuria. Enc's copy of agreement furnished by Brit Min. and report of Secy Bainbridge's interview with F.O. officials in making representations as directed by tel. of Feb. 1; assurances given him that required sanction had not and would not be given.	6/13
	F.R. '02	972	" 30	Post offices of the U.S. in Treaty Ports are not advisable, except at Shanghai. Duties on foreign goods already entered at other ports and articles in the mails. Complaints of Consul Fowler in No. 468 do not appear entirely well founded	6/13
		973	May 1	Legation quarters. Arrangements will be made under which the U.S. will occupy all or part of the, by paying corresponding rental to the Korean Legation	6/13
		974	" 1	Traveling in the Interior. Enc's communication from the F.O. and his circular to Consuls rel. to the requirement of passports for foreigners.	6/13
		975	" 1	Claims of Catholics in Shansi. Enc's list of agreements for the settlement of, signed by the French and Italian Ministers.	6/13

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Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.	Tel	May 5	Uprising in South Petchili. "Serious disturbances South portion this province. First troops sent overpowered. Viceroy now sending larger forces"	5/5.
	976	" 5.	Claim, contractual, of R. S. Ingrish. No information obtainable concerning. See Rec'd 458.	6/18
	977	" 7	Claim, personal, of the American Trading Co. against Tuan Fang, two foreign Govr. of Hupeh, for money deposited in the Yuen Chang Bank of Tientsin, of which Tuan is alleged to have been the owner. End's corresp'ce and requests his recall by tel.	6/18
	978	" 7.	Manchuria. Trade and manufactures in. End's report from Consul Miller reporting that Russian and Japanese subjects are conducting operations, inquiring as to rights of U.S. citizens and recommending the establishment of Consular offices in.	6/18
	Tel	" 7	Indemnity. "Agreement for prorata reduction without England reducing cannot be had; but Brit Min. proposes that if all the Powers will, before July 1, name their definite revised figures, he will agree to prorata reduction necessary after such revision. Examination of our private claims will not then be finished, but I have always represented 25 millions as our definite figure, not subject to further revision. Shall I name that as our definite amount?"	5/7
	979	" 8	Same subject. Confirms above, and reports proceedings of the meeting of the Dip. Corps at which the conclusion was reached	6/18
F. R. '02	980	" 8.	Uprising in Southern Petchili. Confirms tel. End's account of the disturbances published by the China Times and corresp'ce relative the matter: American missionaries have left under escort for Paotingfu.	6/18
	981	" 10	Honors to foreign missionaries and officials for assistance given to Chinese authorities during the Boxer troubles. End's decree granting, and his note regretting that the services of Americans had been overlooked.	6/23
F. R. '02	982	" 10.	Student-Interpreters. End's list of regulations of the Brit Service rela.; offers suggestions in carrying out appropriation by Congress announced in 494.	6/23
	983	" 10	Text of Dept's tel of May 9.	6/23
	Tel	" 13	Indemnity. "Brit Min. has withdrawn the proposal mentioned my cipher tel. 7th and proposes provisional apportionment based on list rec'd my desp. No 911, fixing no date for naming revised figures. I will agree"	6/13.
	984	" 13	Same subject. Confirms above and End's letter of Brit Min. to his colleagues	6/23.
	985	" 15.	Commercial law of China. End's decree ordering revision of, in harmony with the laws of the Treaty Powers.	6/23
	Tel	" 14	Railways in Chihli. "Brit. Min. and Chinese May 10th signed an agreement subject to consent of the Powers, returning to the Chinese Govt. the Peking-Shanhaikwan Ry. maintaining Brit Military Co director and German and Japan subdirectors. Russian Min. strenuously objects. Also another agreement on the same day that within a distance of 80 miles from this railway no new lines shall be built except by the Chinese Govt nor be allowed to fall into other hands. Americans are asking concessions within radius named. Shall I protest? Am sending agreements by mail.	5/14
	986	" 15	Same subject. Confirms above, End's agreements therein referred to; states objections of the Russian Min. to the former and his view to the latter. Stipulated consent of the Powers not likely to be secured.	6/23
	987	" 15	Intolerance in Shantung College. End's decree making practice of Confucianism compulsory under penalty of expulsion for the students, and End's note of protest addressed to the F.O. on the expulsion of a Christian student	6/23
	988	" 16	Text of Dep't tel. of May 15.	6/13
	989	" 16	Indemnity. Reduction of. Clark's Dep't tel. of May 15 and End's note to the Dean of the Dip. Corps informing him of the position of the U.S. as therein stated	6/20
F. R. '02	990	" 19	Disturbances in Southern Chihli. Refers to "980 and End's report of Rev. Mr Hawkins from Paotingfu and note of the F.O. to the Chinese Sec'y of the legation	6/23
	991	" 20.	Indemnity. Provisional apportionment, referred to in tel of June 3 has been agreed to. End's schedules and letter to U.S. Agent Pearson. Suggests that the latter be instructed in regard to the issuance of U.S. share of bonds	6/23
	992	" 21	German Exclusive Privileges in Shantung. End's letter of W. W. Rockhill rel. to; German Min. contends that nothing more is sought than what is guaranteed by the Tientsin Convention.	6/23

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	NO.	DATE 1902	SUBJECT.	DATE OF RECEIPT.
Edward T. Williams Chargé	—	May 14	Arrival at his home in Columbus, O. this day reported Dept as to drafts req'd	5/16
Edwin H. Conger, Minister	993	" 21	Legation premises. Reports arrangement made with Ch Deputy for the continued occupancy of present, after June 30.	6/23
	994	" 21	Claims of U.S. citizens. Transmits first partial report of the Commission covering 18 claims.	6/23
	Tel	" 26	Secretary of legation. "If Squiers is transferred, Bainbridge community deserves First Secretaryship here and I strongly urge his appointment."	5/26
	995	" 26	Same subject. Confirms above and recites B's qualifications for the post.	7/2
	Tel	" 25	Legation premises. In reply to your despatch April 10th I have made with Deputy's Agent satisfactory arrangement to retain temporary occupation of the present Legation with the exception of the residence of the 1st Sec'y to be given Corean Minister.	6/28
	996	" 26	Same subject. Confirms above and refers to 993.	7/2
	997	" 26	Expenses for the construction of new gate to Legation Quarter. Account Voucher	7/2
	998	" 27	Exposition of St. Louis. Printed matter will be admitted auto free	7/2
	999	" 27	Ministers of China to Austria, Italy and Belgium. Ens decree appointing Wu-te-chang, Hsu. Ko and Yang Tao. gmn respectively	7/2
	Tel	" 27	First Secretary of legation. "Bainbridge's occupation on Claims Commission makes Coolidge's early arrival necessary"	5/27
	1000	" 27	Same subject. Confirms and explains above	7/2
	1001	" 27	Claims of Chinese in Hawaii for destruction of property at Honolulu during the plague of 1899. Ens note from F.O. urging adjustment of the	7/2
	1002	" 29	Indemnity. Payment of the, in gold. Reports unanimous opinion of the Dip. corps that the debt is a gold one, that the rates as fixed in the protocol are simply to give the equivalent of each of the foreign coins as fixing the total amount of the claims of each, and that payments must be made at the rates of the day of payment.	7/19
	1003	" 30	Exclusive representation of the Chinese Railways. As shown in No 986 no such condition was put in the contract for the restitution of the Peking, Shanhaikwan Ry, as refers to in Dis. 501. Agreement likely to be still further modified owing to Russia's objections	7/19
	1004	" 30	Russian monopoly of mining in Kirin provinces. Prince Ch'ing denies that convention referred to in "971 has been approved, but Brit & Jap. Ministers will protest; Ens's text of Jap memorandum	7/19
	1005	" 30	Appointment of Chinese high officials in the Provinces. Ens decree announcing the and gives a brief account of the appointees.	7/19
	1006	" 30	Monopoly of Opium trade sought by the German firm Arnhold Karberg & Co. Gives the outline of the scheme, its probable effects on political conditions and reports the attitude of Great Britain and Russia towards it.	7/19
F. R. '02	1007	June 2	Protection of Cuban interests by U.S. Consular Officers. Assent of China. Notes Ens.	7/19
	1008	" 3	Conflict between Protestant and Catholic converts in Kwang Si. Refers to 887 and Ens Imperial Edict issued on the subject.	7/19
	1009	" 3	Decorations conferred upon foreign Consuls in Shanghai for their services in maintaining the peace during the Boxer troubles. Decree Ens.	7/19
	1010	" 4	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Transmits second report of the Commission covering 23 claims.	7/19
	1011	" 5	Repairs on legation Street will cost considerably more than originally estimated. Describes nature of the work and requests authority to pay U.S. quota.	7/19
	Tel.	" 10	Russian monopoly of mining in Kirin provinces. "Your cipher tel. of the 9th. On receipt of further information in regard to exclusive concessions Kirin I, on May 29, repeated to Prince Ch'ing the views expressed in your tel. of the 1st Feb. No further action taken. See my despatch No 1004"	6/10.
	1012	" 10	Same subject. Text of tel. from C to Dept	7/19
	Tel	" 8	Legation buildings. "My despatch 940. Has it been received."	6/6.
	Tel	" 8	Cholera. Fatal case in Japanese barracks reported.	6/6.
	Tel	" 10	Indemnity Payment. Reports representations of Chinese Govt against demand that it be made in gold; recommends that a permanent value be fixed; awaits Min's.	6/10
	Tel	" 10	Indemnity. Reduction of several claims, prorata, without individual reductions by any of the powers proposed by Brit Min. and agreed to by all, except Japanese, Minister.	6/10

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Edwin H. Conger	(F.R. '02)	1013	June 11	Tientsin. Restoration of, to Chinese authorities. Text of terms proposed by military commanders for the. Evid; questions the right of a few of the Powers to dictate conditions not contemplated in the protocol and points out inconsistency of excluding Chinese troops from Tientsin while they are allowed in Peking.	7/19
		1014	" 11	Visit of Grand Duke Cyril of Russia to Peking reported; attentions shown him by the Chinese authorities; purpose and character of the visit in doubt	7/19
		1015	" 11	Indemnity - Pro rata reduction - Confirms his tel. June 10th	7/28
		1016	" 11	Indemnity - Payment of. Confirms his tel. June 10th. Encls. corres with Prince Ching	7/28
		1017	" 14	Legation buildings - Text of tels from and to Dept	7/28
		Tel	" 14	Indemnity - Pro rata reduction - "Ministers today agreed to pro rata reduction to 450,000,000 taels and definite division of the indemnity in accordance with list enclosed to my dispatch "991."	6/16
		Tel	" 16	Indemnity - Payment of. "Before receiving your telegram of the 11th, I had written to the Foreign Office that in my opinion in which all my Colleagues agreed, the protocol required payment of the indemnity in gold or equivalent exchange at the rate of the day of payment. I have now informed my Colleagues of your equitable interpretation. Shall I notify Chinese Govt"	6/16
John Gardner Coolidge	Dec.	—	" 16	Departure for post this day announced. Account for instruction period enclosed	6/18
Edwin H. Conger	E.E. & M.P.	1018	" 17	Indemnity. Text of Dept's tel. June 11th and his reply June 16th. Refers to his "1016, and asks if he shall notify Chinese Govt.	7/28
		1019	" 17	Indemnity - Method of payment of, by Great Britain. Encls newspaper article rel to	7/28
		1020	" 17	Indemnity - Pro rata reduction. Confirms his tel. July 14th. Encls. List showing apportionment of	7/28
		1021	" 17	Deanery of the Diplomatic Corps. Announces assumption of duties as, this day	7/28
		1022	" 18	Claims of U.S. citizens. Third partial report, covering 12 claims, transmitted	7/28
		1023	" 18	Cholera - Text of his tel. June 8th. No other cases known.	7/28
		1024	" 19	"Customs Gazette" - Two copies of Jan.-Mar. 1902 issue transmitted	7/28
		Tel	" 19	Indemnity - Payment of. "Chinese Govt demands that gold valuation of imports from 1877 to 1879 be taken in arranging new tariff, or that duties be collected in gold. Ministers unanimous that silver valuation must be taken, but are divided as to collection of duties in gold. If we insist that indemnities must be paid in gold, it seems only fair that duties should be collected in gold. What do you advise?"	6/19
		Tel	" 21	Same subject. "Do your tels mean that Chinese Govt must pay 451,000,000 taels, each tael discharging in gold the amount of the indebtedness named in Par. A, Art. 6 Protocol; or must the amount therein specified in gold be paid regardless of number of taels required?"	6/21
		Tel	" 23	Exposition of St. Louis. Presentation of Com. Barrett to the Emperor. "Shall I request audience with the Emp. for Barrett, and in what capacity? Granting request doubtful.	6/23
		Tel	" 25	Indemnity - Payment of. "Anxiously awaiting reply my cipher tel. June 21st."	6/25
	(F.R. '02)	1025	" 25	Presentation of Admiral Frederick Rogers, U.S.N. to the Emperor. Report of, transmitted.	8/4
		1026	" 26	Exposition of St. Louis. Presentation of Com. Barrett to Emperor. Text of tels from & to Dept.	8/4
		1027	" 27	Legation buildings. Asks $520, and states that the house for the Military Attache will be dropped. Reports further as to plans and specifications of.	8/4
		1028	" 27	Canton - Proposed separate American concession at. Refers to #431, and encls. letter to Consul Mr Wade at Canton, in regard to obtaining a refusal of a place, &c.	8/4
		Tel	" 28	Indemnity - Payment of. "Chinese Govt has written another identic note to all the Ministers insisting that the protocol requires payment only 450,000,000 taels at the rate of Apr. 1st, '01. All except me will send identic notes insisting on payment in gold or exchange at rate of day of payment. I wrote in accordance with instructions in your recent tels."	6/28
		1029	" 28	Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept. Encls. corres. with Ministers &c.	8/4
	(F.R. '02) Tel		" 28	Tientsin - Restoration of, to Chinese Authorities. Recites conditions proposed by the diplomatic corps for the. Russian Min. and he have refused to join. Gives reasons for, and asks approval of his action	6/28
		1030	" 30	Claims for indemnity. Asks #521. Has referred the, to the Claims Commission	8/4

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Edwin H. Conger	E.E. & M.P.	1031	June 30	Cuba- Cessation of military occupation by U.S. of. Cable corr. May 20, '02. Encls copy of notice of to Chinese Govt.	8/4
		—	" 30	Typewriting machine, &c. Receipt of, ack. Refers to #517.	8/4
		Tel	" 30	Indemnity. Payment of, in gold. Brit Min. instructed to propose to his colleagues to relax strict terms of the protocol by the Powers, agreeing to accept during the years 1902 to 1910 the sum of 18829800 Haikwan taels in silver, according to actual figures of the table of amortization, crediting the Chinese Govt with the corresponding amounts in gold, and writing off the balance due for those years altogether. I will agree to acceptance of these sums, not as a compromise, but as being all the Govt of China is bound to pay with nothing to write off.	

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Edwin H. Conger, Ex. M. & Ce	1032	July 1	Indemnity. Payment in gold. Relocation proposed by Great Britain. Confirms tel. of June 30, and Emb's note of the Brit Min. to the Dean of the Dip. Corps.	8/13
F. R. '02 C	1033	" 2	Disarming of natives. Proclamation of the Vice Roy of Chihli ordering the surrender and prohibiting the carrying of arms by private persons issued	8/13
C	1034	" 2	Indemnity. Edict condemning all plans for raising funds for the payment of, and ordering leniency to the people issued; extortions to be punished	8/13
F. R. '02 C	1035	" 2	Tientsin. Restoration of, to Chinese authorities. Conditions demanded by representatives of powers maintaining military forces. Confirms tel. of June 28, Emb's note of German Min. & the dean and list of contracts let by the Provisional Govt.	8/13
	1036	" 3	Text of Dep's tel of July 2	8/13
	1037	" 3	Text of Dep's tel of July 2	8/13
C	1038	" 3	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Fourth report, covering 13 claims, transmitted.	8/13
	1039	" 7	Vice Roy of the two Kiangs. Resignation of Tao. min has been accepted. Emb's dispatch making appointments necessitated by the change, and gives brief sketch of appointees.	8/13
Tel		" 9	Indemnity. Payment in gold. Brit. proposal as to annual payments indemnity and our position as to payment in silver at fixed rate strenuously opposed by all the foreign Ministers. Russian and German Mins say if our power wishes to grant favors to China, it concerns that power only. German Min. adds. but others reserve the right of action.	7/9
C	1040	" 9	Same subject. Confirms above Emb's. German Min's declaration. Inquiry of colleagues whether U.S. meant to withdraw from the concert answered in the negative.	8/25
Tel		" 10	Same subject. Concerning division of Boxer Global. Brit Min. wishes small bonds expressed in sterling and countersigned in London. Others have various desires as to number and character. German Min. says bonds should be signed in Shanghai, and anything else would be departure from strict terms of the Protocol, and a first step towards breaking the concert of the signatory Powers. See Pas. C Art VI and instruct Fearon.	7/10
C	1041	" 10	Same subject. Confirms above. Difference therein reported made any agreement as to the signing of the bonds impossible	8/25
	1042	" 11	Text of Dep's tel. of July 9.	8/25
	1043	" 11	Text of Dep's tel. of July 9.	8/25
C	1044	" 11	Contract of the American China Develop't Co. for the construction of the Canton Hankow railway has been sanctioned by Emb's Imp Edict	8/25
C. L. Williams, Chinese Sec'y of Edwin H. Conger. Ex. M. & C. P.		" 13	Departure for Japan will be made July 14.	8/14
	1045	" 15	Tariff Revision. Success of Sir Sharretts in preparing schedule and gaining concurrence of all other Commissioners except the Consul reported	8/25
F. R. '02 C	1046	" 15	Tientsin. Restoration of, to Chinese authorities. Text of conditions submitted to Ch. Govt. by the five Ministers of powers maintaining forces at Tientsin. Protective zone reduced from 18 miles to 6, and other objectionable features eliminated. No opposition will be made by the legation, if conditions are acceptable to China	8
C	1047	" 16	American Church in legation quarter. Emb's agreement with the Union Church setting apart a tract for it, as authorized by Dep's tel. of May 15.	8/
	1048	" 16	Ministers of China to the U.S., France, and Russia. Appointment of, reported. Dramas and sketch of the appointees given	8/25
	1049	" 16	Text of Dep's tel. of July 15.	8/25
	1050	" 16	Text of Dep's tel. of July 9.	9/2
F. R. '02 C	Tel	" 18	Tientsin. Restoration of, to Chinese authorities. Greatly modified conditions for returning Tientsin have been accepted by Chinese Govt. Transfer will take place in a month.	7/18
F. R. '02 C	1051	" 19	Same subject. Confirms above; refers to #1046 for text of conditions, and Emb's notes from and to Prince Ch'ing as to acceptance of conditions and gratitude for the good offices of the U.S.	9/2
	1052	" 22	Text of Dep's tel. of July 21.	9/2
	1053	" 24	Printed minutes of the Dip. Corps' meetings of Mar 12, 1902, Apl 12, May 7 and 20, 1902. Emb'd	9/2
C	1054	" 24	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Fifth instalment of, twelve in number, transd.	9/2
C	1055	" 25	Mixed Courts at Shanghai. Emb's text of provisional rules adopted by the Consuls, defining the jurisdiction of, for the French and International settlements	9/2
	1056	" 26	Text of Dep's tel. of July 25.	9/2
C	1057	" 29	Legation Premises. Exchange of property with the Russo Chinese Bank and Chinese Eastern Railway. Reports incident arising from the claim of a British subject to a plot included in the ceded area, recommends the further cession of a narrow strip of U.S. land in compensation. Answ'd. Emb'd.	9/2

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Edwin H. Conger E. & M.P.	1058	July 29	Exposition of St. Louis. Visit of Commissioner John Barrett, his presentation at court, and other attentions shown him by the legation, reported	9/2
	1059	" 29	Military attaché. Asks "575"; expresses regret at Capt Reeves' departure	9/2
c	1060	" 29	Superintendent of Commerce. Appointment of Vice Roy Chang Chih-tung as reported	9/2
c	Tel	Aug 3	Indemnity bonds. British Minister proposes that Chinese Govt be invited to authorize Bankers' Commission and some designated Chinese official to sign fractional bonds in Shanghai and that bonds of Anglo-German loan of 1896 serve as model. Is there any objection?"	8/2
	m	" 6	Newspapers for legation. Continuance of, requested	9/7
F. R. '02 c	1061	" 6	Rioting in Szechuan. Massacre of native Christians and destruction of chapels near Chentu reported. Encs correspce with Foreign Office, tels from Dr Canright, and reports action taken by the legation.	9/17
	1062	" 7	Secretary of legation, J. G. Coolidge, reported for duty on Aug 6	9/5
F. R. '02 c	1063	" 7	Rioting in Szechuan. Removal of Viceroy Yü-hsien Chun and appointment of Hsien Chun-hsuan reported. Encs decrees and gives antecedents of officials appointed in consequence of the change	9/17
	1064	" 8	$632 acctd.	9/17
c	1065	" 9	Property acquired by Robt Coltman Jr in the Nd. legation quarter. Asks "531; expresses opinion that Coltman is not entitled to any compensation for expenditures on the	9/17
c	1066	" 9	Printed minutes of the Indemnity and Whangpoo Conservancy Commissions, transd	9/17
John G. Coolidge, Sec'y Edwin H. Conger, Chargé d'Affs. c	1067	" 8	Arrival at post on Aug 6 reported.	9/17
		" 11	Monopoly of the camphor trade in Fukien. Enc's regulations virtually granting it to a Japanese Company, and correspce with Consul at Amoy who has been directed to protest under the French Treaty of 1858.	9/24
c	Tel	" 12	Americans desired by Vice Roy Yuan for service in the Tientsin Mint. Asks to be informed by cable of names and salaries demanded by a competent assayer and practical machinist	8/12
	1068	" 12	Same subject. Confirms above and reports conversation with Vice Roy Yuan who would also like to have a good American to manage provincial bank at a good salary	9/24
c	1069	" 13	Mining regulations. Edict directing proper officials to harmonize Chinese with those of other nations, Enc'd	9/24
F. R. '02 c	1070	" 16	Vicarious punishment of relatives of Chinese residents of Honolulu. Enc's note to S.D. in accordance with Ins. 541.	9/24
c	1071	" 16	Treaty revision. Objections to the British scheme set forth in a letter to the other two Commissioners of the Nd, Enc's said letter	9/24
c	Tel	" 12	Indemnity bonds. Countersigning of, by Chinese diplomatic representatives. "Shall I join in a unanimous proposal that, in addition to the issuance and signing of the fractional bonds at Shanghai, the Chinese Govt will authorize its diplomatic representatives in each country to countersign the bonds in case any Government requests it."	8/12
	Tel	" 18	Same subject. "Early reply necessary to my tel. of the 12th."	8/18
	Tel	" 20	Same subject. "My telegram of the 18th refers to the one of the 12th concerning fractional bonds."	8/20
c	Tel	" 21	Same subject. The only reason for requesting signature of the bonds elsewhere than at Shanghai is that Great Britain very much desires here countersigned in London and no power except the U.S. objects.	8/21
Capt Jas. H. Reeves, Mil Att.		" 1	Allowance for his trip to Manchuria. Receipt of his successor Capt Brewster for $191.01, unexpended balance of the, Enc'd.	10/2
Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Ext & Min Plen	1072	" 21	Boxer practices. Proclamation denouncing the as a heresy, directing all officials to prohibit them and arrest offenders, and offering rewards for the arrest of leaders issued by Vice Roy Yuan, of Chihli, Enc'd.	10/2
	1073	" 21	Printed minutes of the meetings of dip. Corps on Jun 11 and 18, transmitted:	10/2
	1074	" 20	Text of Dep't's tel. of Aug 18.	10/2
c	Tel	" 28	Claims of Nd. citizens. "What information can I give claimants of Chinese indemnity as to manner and probable time of payment of awards."	8/28
	1075	" 29	Customs charges on books in Chinese characters circulating in the Empire. Exemption requested and granted at the instance of the Canton Missionary Association Corrspce Encd	10/13
c	1076	" 29	Arms. Surrender of, by private persons and suppression of Colligation growing out of Boxer troubles ordered in Enc's proclamation of Vice Roy Yuan of Chihli	10/13

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Edwin H. Conger Chas W.	1077	Aug 29	Student Interpreters. Comments on the inadequacy of appropriation for; suggests that houses should be provided for them and tuition paid for by the Govt. Rec'd 9/15	10/13
c Tel		" 30	Likin abolition of. "Imperial decree yesterday orders immediate abolition of all likin stations."	9/30
c	1078	Sept 2	Claims of missionaries in Shansi. Great settlement of, in 1901. Enc's letter from Rev. G. P. Bostede correcting and protesting against certain misstatements of H. G. Squiers, while charge.	10/13
F. R. '02 c	1079	" 2	Riot at Chin Chow, the Hunan, and murder of two British missionaries. Report on; Enc's Imperial decree issued on the occasion.	10/13
c	1080	" 2	Indemnity bonds. Countersigning of by Chinese official in Shanghai and Chinese Min. in the several countries. Enc's text of tels. to & from dept. and exchange of views among foreign Ministers.	10/13
c	1081	" 2	Claims of U.S. citizens. Text of tels. to & from Dept. Suggests that drafts be sent to the legation with the vouchers.	10/13
c	1082	" 2	Same subject. Sixth instalment (20 claims) forwarded.	10/13
c Tel.		" 3	Likin. Abolition of. "Imperial decree abolishing likin has been changed by a new edict to take effect after the powers agree to increase of duties, instead of immediately as first published."	9/3.
c	1083	" 4	Same subject. Confirms above and Enc's text of the decrees mentioned in tels. of Aug 30 & Sept 3.	10/13
E. T. Williams, Chinese Sec'y.		" 6	Return to post this day, reported.	10/17
Edwin H. Conger, Chas W.	1084	" 9	Vicarious punishment of relatives. Orders to stop this have been issued to local officials. Corres'ce with F.O. Enc's.	10/17
c Tel.		" 10	Americans for Chinese Mint at Tientsin. "Wei Rey accepts terms of Drageder and Emery named in your tel. Aug 18th and requests them come immediately. Wire date of departure."	9/10.
c	1085	" 10	Same subject. Confirms above and Enc's corres'ce with Wei Rey Yuan.	10/17
c	1086	" 10	Legation premises. Surrender of a strip of land. Enc's note to Manager of the Russo Chinese Bank informing him of the Min's assent to the. Text of Min's tel of Sept 7.	10/17
c	1087	" 10	Protection of native converts. Enc's copy of his letter to Consul at Nanking in connection with the arrest of a native employé of Rev. G. H. Malone.	10/17
c	1088	" 10	Claim of Howard S. Galt. Claimant's address is Tungchow, near Pekin.	10/17
Tel		" 10	British Commercial Treaty has been signed."	9/10.
	1089	" 10	Confirms above; but will be forwarded as soon as a correct copy is procured	10/17
c	1090	" 17	Exactions by Chinese Officials. Decree forbidding, and ordering a public accounting of taxes collected, Enc's.	10/20.
F. R. '02 c	1091	" 17	Riot at Chin Chow. Refers to "1079 and Enc's decree announcing execution of two of the leaders and directing punishment of two officials.	10/20
c	1092	" 17	British Commercial Treaty. Text transm'd.	10/20.
c	1093	" 18	Claim of John De Neuve. Address of claimant is c/o Imperial Chinese P.O. Peking.	10/20
c	1094	" 18	Decorations, Chinese, for foreign officials in Peking on the signing of the Protocol. Enc's corres'ce with F.O. rel. to changes in list of, and acceptance by U.S. Officers.	10/20
c	1095	" 18	Indemnity bonds. Countersigning of. Chinese Govt. has appointed representatives to sign fractional bonds in Shanghai and consented to countersignature abroad by its representatives when desired. Ref to 1080 and Enc corres'ce	11/8.
c	1096	" 22	Coaling station at Amoy. Strip of land, mentioned in Ins. 542, is owned by an American citizen and could undoubtedly be purchased or leased without objection on the part of other Powers; China will make none. the island on which it is situated is about to be organized into a foreign settlement.	11/8
c	1097	" 24	Bankers' Commission. British representative on the. H. M. Bell is appointed vice C. H. Keller.	11/8
	1098	" 25	Americans for the Tsint: at Tientsin. Regrets expressed at withdrawal announced in tel. of Sept 24.	11/8
F. R. '02 c	1099	" 26	Rioting in Szechuan still continues but does not appear to be as serious as reported. Enc's corres'ce with the F.O. and report from the seat of trouble	11/8
F. R. '02 c Tel.		" 26	Manchuria. Evacuation of. "Russians have commenced evacuating Manchuria. Have already returned a section of railway and Russian Minister assures me that the territory up to the Liao River will be completely evacuated by October eighth according to agreement."	9/26
c Tel		" 30	Railway from Peking to Shanhaikwan. "English returned Railway to the Chinese Government yesterday."	9/30.

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Edwin H. Conger, Ed'lle c	1100	Oct 1	Manchuria. Evacuation of, by the Russians. Confirms tel. of Sept 26. Encs report from U.S. Con. at Newchwang; as the latter place is to be evacuated within one months under the agreement, suggests that a gunboat be stationed there	11/6
	1101	" 1	Text of tel. sent Sept 30.	11/8
c	Tel	" 1	Americans for the Mint at Tientsin. "Vice roy still anxious for assayer and machinist, and begs you to continue the search and wire names and terms as soon as found. This seems an opportunity to introduce Americans here which ought to be improved."	10/1
c	1102	" 1	Same subject. Confirms and emphasizes the foregoing. Enc's letter from Viceroy's Secy.	11/8.
c	1103	" 1	Piracy in the Bay of Chihli. Orders have been issued by Chinese Govt to suppress. Enc's corresp re with F.O.	11/8
F.R.'02 c	1104	" 3	Rioting in Szechuan. Enc's reply of F.O. to his note in 1099.	11/5
	1105	" 4.	Text of tels. from & to Dept rel. to misrending of tel. intended for Cons. Swatow	11/8
c	1106	" 6	Claims of U.S. citizens. Seventh instalment (27 claims) of the Claims Comm. forwarded	11/8
		" 6	Trade Returns & Reports Transmitted	11/8
F.R.'02 c	1107	" 7	Student interpreters. Refers to Depts 556 and gives estimate of cost of tuition	11/9.
c	1108	" 7	Audience and breakfast to the ladies of the Dip. Corps at the Summer Palace. Encl. invitation to and report rel to.	11/9.
F.R.'02 c	1109	" 7	Death of Viceroy Liu K'un-yi reported, and Imperial edict rel. to encl.	11/9.
c	Tel.	" 8	Treaty between China & Portugal - China took hesitates signing on account of Depts tel of 12th inst. Sept 12. Asks instructions whether he shall withdraw U.S. opposition implied by Governor's action	
c	Tel.	" 8	Indemnity bonds. Question of gold or silver indemnity payments should be settled before issuance of protocol -	
c	1110	" 9	Commercial Treaty bet. Gr. Britain and China - Encl. resolutions of the Am. Assoc'n of China rel. to -	11/19
c	1111	" 9	Quarantine Regs. of U.S. - Encl. letter from Shanghai Chamber of Commerce complaining of - as a hindrance to trade	11/9
	1112	" 11	Confirms tel. of 8th inst.	
c	1113	" 11	Visit of Prince Chun to the U.S. Encl. corresp. with For. Office rel. to	11/9.
c	1114	" 11	Registration and subsequent loss of the S.S. "Kiangsi". Encl. corresp. rel. to refusal of Consular authorities at Shanghai to hold a Court of Enquiry, from which it appears that Mr. White acted as a private citizen in preparing papers in the transfer of the vessel.	11/9
	1115	" 11	Confirms tel of 8th inst.	11/9
c	Tel.	" 13	Legation premises. Asks whether architect will be sent from Washington or whether he shall employ one there - Important that contract be awarded before winter.	
	1116	" 13	Acknis. Depts. 360 (?560)	11/9
c	1117	" 13	Legation premises - Confirms his tel. 13th inst. and urges immediate action for new building	11/9
c	1118	" 13	Same subject. Refers to Depts 357 (?557) and comments on "Paroid" roofing.	11/9
c	1119	" 14	Nanking: Proper local authorities have been notified of appointment of Wm. Martin as Consul at -	11/9
c	1120	" 15	Intolerance in the Chinanfu University. Refers to Desp. 987 and Des. 534 and Encs Corresp. with Dr. Hayes, at whose request protest against requirement of Confucian rites was made. In view of diversity of opinion on the subject and Dr. Hayes' wish that the matter be not pressed, no further action will be taken by the legation.	11/
F.R.'02 c	1121	" 16	Death of Vice Roy Liu. Enc's note of condolence to Chinese Govt in accordance with Dep. tel	11/
c	1122	" 16	Likin Station on the Lushan Railway. Establishment of, under modified regulations. Enc's notes from and to the F.O. rel. to the.	11/
c	Tel.	" 16	Tariff, revised. "Chinese Govt has received new tariff just in force Oct 31."	10/16
c	1123	" 16	Same subject. Text of tels from & to Dept	11/
	1124	" 16	Leave of 60 days, beginning in Dec., requested.	11/
c	Tel	" 16	"Portuguese Treaty was signed yesterday."	10/16
c	1125	" 16	Same subject. Text of tels from & to Dept, and gives main features of the treaty which is quite satisfactory to China.	11/
	1126	" 20	Text of Dep's tel. of Oct 16.	11/
	1127	" 20	Text of Dep's tel. of Oct 18.	11/
c	1128	" 21	Audience at the Summer Palace received after, and following entertainment of the Dip. Corps; text of the remarks made by Mr Conger as dean; the Brit. Min. did not attend owing to unsatisfactory reply made to his demands rel to the murder of missionaries	
c		"	Absence of the Emperor from the breakfast regarded by some foreign representatives as a breach of the Protocol; no objection having been made at the time, the matter will not be taken up; expresses his opinion that the breakfast was not looked upon as coming under the requirement of Art 6 of the Protocol.	

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Edwin H. Conger. Envoy		Oct 23	Tariff of the U.S. Vandergrift's issue of 1902 requested.	12/1
	c 1129	" 24	Evacuation of Shanghai. Conditions imposed upon China by France and Germany are objected to by Great Britain and, in conjunction with the pending question of the number of Brit missionaries, may delay the withdrawal of foreign troops.	12/1
	c 1130	" 24	Claims of U.S. citizens. Eighth installment (30 claims) forwarded	12/1
	c 1131	" 25	Vice Roy of Nanking. Opposition of Humanese to the appointment of Chang Chih-tung as reported in encl'd dispatch from Consul Fowler.	12/9
	c 1132	" 28	Claims of U.S. Citizens. 9th partial return (8 claims) transmitted.	12/9
	c (?) Tel	" 29	Legation buildings. "Architect should come at once. Plans should be changed, materials decided upon, contracts and materials assembled in the winter in order that work may begin earliest spring. Otherwise another year will be lost."	10/29
	c 1133	" 29	Same subject. Confirms and explains the foregoing	12/9
	c X Tel	" 29	Americans for the Mint at Tientsin. "Vice Roy accepts Jessup's proposals your tel. 16th and asks him come immediately. Inconvenient make contract Washington but will sign on arrival Tientsin. Wire me departure."	10/29
	c 1134	" 29	Same subject. Confirms the above and encl's corres[pondence] with the Vice Roy.	12/9
F.R. '02	c 1135	" 30	Manchuria. Evacuation of the territory Southwest of the Liao River and return of the railways by the Russians announced in encl'd note from the F.O.	12/9
	c 1136	" 31	Rice crop. Failure of the, in the Canton province. Encl's Consul's report on and suggestion that a U.S. war vessel be sent to Canton, in view of possible disturbances.	12/9
	c Tel	Nov. 1	"Minister Wu has been ordered Shanghai forthwith to negotiate in the place of Sheng in mourning."	11/1
	c 1137	" 1	Treaty negotiations. Confirms the foregoing and announces the appointment of Vice Roy Yuan Shih-K'ai as Imp. of Commerce and treaty negotiator.	12/9
	c 1138	Oct. 29	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Encl's Rep't's tel. of Oct 18 and encls corres[pondence] with the F.O. Chinese Govt excuses its delay on the ground that it has no assurance, except from Brit Govt, that foreign residents will be made to pay assessments.	12/7
see above	c (?) Tel	" 29	Legation buildings. "Architect should come at once, plans should be changed, materials decided upon, contracts let and materials assembled in the winter in order that work may begin in earliest spring. Otherwise another year will be lost."	11/29
	c X Tel	" 29	Americans for the Mint. "Vice Roy accepts Jessup's proposals your tel. 16th and asks him come immediately. Inconvenient make contract Washington but will sign on arrival Tientsin. Wire me departure."	11/29
	c 1139	Nov. 3	Registration and subsequent loss of the U.S. "Hiangsi." Refers to 1114 and encl's letter from the Am. Association of China and original corres[pondence] and vouchers rel. to an illegal fee of $500 collected by the Con. Gen. at Shanghai and his refusal to investigate the loss of the ship.	12/17
	c 1140	" 3	Claim of the Fred. D. Ward Estate. Chinese Govt. consents to its being paid out of the indemnity provided for in the protocol of 1901. Reports action of the legation on Ins. #76 and encl's corres[pondence]	12/17
	c 1141	" 3	Claim of Geo. Warren (1205). Encl's affidavit to be added to papers transmitted in #1106.	12/17
	1142	" 3	Chinese Secretary Williams' request that he be reimbursed amount paid to substitute during his absence on leave transmitted and commended to favorable consideration.	12/17
	c 1143	" 5	Murder of two Brit. missionaries at Ch'ang-chow fu. Humane punishment of officials responsible for the. Encl's edict decreeing the.	12/17
	c 1144	" 6	Intolerance in the Chinanfu University. Refers to 1120 and encl's further communication from Dr. Hayes.	12/17
	c 1145	" 8	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Ninth partial report (on 31 claims) of the Claims Com[mission] forwarded	12/17
	c 1146	" 8	Same subject. Statement of errors in computation of claims 3, 69, 90, 98, 143 and 150 transmitted.	12/17
	c 1147	" 8	Duty on morphia. Increase of the, to about 200%, decided only the commissioners, will not go into effect for six months, as one already ordered.	12/20
	c 1148	" 10	Claim of W. H. Rice for the killing of his sister has been passed upon by the Com[mission]. Returns enclosures in Ins. 568.	12/30
	c 1149	" 10	Claim of Enoch Emery disallowed by the Com[mission]. Encl's papers rel. to the, rec'd from Russian legation.	12/30
	1150	" 15	Customs Gazette for April-June '02 transmitted.	12/30
	c 1151	" 15	Claims of U.S. citizens. Tenth partial report (5 claims) of the Com[mission] transmitted.	12/30
	1152	" 18	Hankow. Recognition of A. McCameron as U.S. Con. has already been reported in 772 and 572	12/30
	c 1153	" 18	Claims of U.S. citizens. Eleventh partial report (Claims of native employés) transmitted.	12/30
	c 1154	" 18	Same subject. Claims of C.V. Gustafson & Co and Christian and Missionary Alliance returned by the Com[mission] for the action of the dept.	12/30

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Edwin H. Conger. Emb.	Tel	Nov. 11	Americans for the Imst at Tientsin. "Jessup authorized to draw on me for expenses hitherto"	11/11
	C Tel	" 19	Same subject "Vice Roy accepts terms of Emery, machinist, paying his own expenses but not his family's. Wants him at once. Authorized to draw on me for expenses."	11/19
	C 1155	" 19	Claims Commission. Final report of labors, proceedings and expenses transmitted.	11/20
	1156	" 21	Text of tel. from & to Dept	11/20
	C 1157	" 24	Intolerance in the Chinanfu University. Emb's letter of thanks from the Presbyterian mission	11/30
	C 1158	" 24	Decorations to U.S. Military officers who took part in the defense of the Legations. Emb's note from T.Y. asking for names and rank, and required authority of Congress.	12/10
	C 1159	" 24	Student Interpreters. Arrival of the, named in Ins. 556, reported. Emb's regulations issued for their guidance and accounts for necessary repairs to houses assigned them for lodgings	12/29
	1160	" 24	Fuchau. Recognition granted to U.S. Consul W.T. Graves.	12/30
	C Tel	" 27	Americans for the Imst at Tientsin. "Jessup authorized to draw on me"	11/14
	C 1161	" 26	Settlement, International foreign, at Kulangsu (Amoy). Land Regulations and Bylaws Emb'd	1/7
	C 1162	" 29	Indemnity. Error in amortization table discovered by the Japanese Govt. Emb's corrected table. Action will probably be taken by the Bankers' Commission.	1/7
	C 1163	" 29	Differential duties in Peking on textiles have been made specific instead of 5% ad valorem as originally announced. Emb's schedule and correspt growing out of a complaint of K Edwards & Co.	1/7
	1164	" 29	Text of tels from & to Dept of Nov. 26 & 27.	1/7
	C Tel	Dec 1	Conservancy at the Whangpoo. "Foreign Office has instructed Vice Roy to appoint representative Whangpoo Conservancy."	12/1
	1165	" 1	Same subject. Text of tels from & to Dept.	1/7
	C 1166	" 4	Decoration conferred upon Lieut. Capt Apt. French of Vladivostock with accompanying note from F.O. transmitted.	1/15
	C 1167	" 4	Shanghai. Evacuation of, by foreign troops. Japanese withdrew on Nov. 22, British will do so on Dec 20 and French and German about Jany. R to 573 and 575.	1/15
	C Tel.	" 6	Viceroy of Yunnan and Viceroy transferred to Nanking. Chang Chih T'ung to return to Wuchang	12/6
	C 1168	" 8	Americans for the Chinese Imst at Tientsin. Text of Dep't's tel. of Dec 6; there will be no misunderstanding or disappointment as to terms of contract.	1/15
F. R. '03	C 1169	" 11	Citizenship of Mongolian women married to U.S. citizens. Emb's opinion that the women cannot acquire U.S. citizenship but that the children are citizens for Dep't's approval	1/24
	C 1170	" 11	Decoration. Refusal of Wm. Rockhill to accept, has been made known to Chinese Govt. R to 579	1/26
	C 1171	" 12	Vice Roy of Yunnan. Confirms tel. of Dec 6 and gives details of Chang Chih T'ung's antecedents	1/22
	C 1172	" 12	Student Interpreters. Estimates in Ins. 580 for house and tuition insufficient.	1/24
	C 1173	" 12	Expenses on account of printing proceedings of meetings of Dip. Corps. Emb's account and vouchers and asks permission to draw separately.	1/26
	C 1174	" 16	Telegraph lines. Control and operation of, to be assumed by the Govt. Decree issued.	1/26
F. R. '03	C Tel.	" 16	Russian Customs and Postal Service in leased territory and Manchuria. "Russians are arranging with the Chinese Govt, customs service for Talien wan and some interior Manchurian points, similar to, but independent of, the Maritime Customs, and under Russian Com: instead of Hart. Also Post offices under same control. This emphasizes Russia's determination to hold permanent control. But Russian Customs service maybe no worse for us than English. Brit Govt protests mildly. Shall I take any action."	12/16
F. R. '03	C 1175	" 17	Same subject. Confirms above and transmits such details as he has been able to gather	1/26
	1176	" 24	Leave granted by tel of Dec 1 will not be availed of this winter.	2/2
	C 1177	" 31	Visit of Lt Gen. Miles. Account of the audience given him and party by the Emperor and Empress.	2/12
	C 1178	" 31	Legation buildings. Arrival of Architect Healy and receipt of $584 reported	2/13
	C 1179	1903 Jan 2	Same subject. Accounts and vouchers of expenditures to date, Emb'd	2/13
	C 1180	" 3	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Settlement of the, enumerated in Ins of Nov. 26.	2/13
	C 1181	" 3	Protection of Chinese at Panama. Thanks of Chinese Govt for information in Dep. of Nov 15	2/21
	C Tel	" 3	Indemnity. Payment in gold. "Fearon has told you taotai's refusal pay indemnity gold basis. My colleagues are sending Chinese Govt joint note insisting payment gold and warning of great danger of continued refusal. I have refused to concert saying failure payment in gold is not considered default by the U.S. I hope you are conferring with home govt and will instruct Fearon and me."	

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Wm. E. Dambridge, 2nd Secy	*	Jan 6	Arrival at his home in Council Bluffs on Dec 31, reported.	1/6.
Edwin H. Conger, Envoy &c	1182	" 6	Ootevi duties collected at Tientsin on goods for which transit passes had been secured by Revs Roberts and Sprague and which merely passing through the city, have been returned upon the legations protest. Enc's corres^ce with F.O.	2/22
	C Tel	" 6	Exposition of St Louis. Commissioners to the Imperial Palace of Peking, Customs Com^r Carl of Chefoo, and Hsiang Taichia of Shanghai are appointed.	1/6
	C Tel.	" 7	Legation quarters. "Your tel. of the 5th. 56870 square yards. Healy has arrived".	1/7
	C 1183	" 8	Same subject. List of lots from etc 24th. Figures given in the foregoing are only approximately correct; the so called "recreation grounds" on the glacis, the ownership of which ought to be considered international, are not included; rough draft showing site of ground owned by H.B.M. Squires Encl.	1/21
	C 1184	" 9	Indemnity Payment in gold. Enc's list of Min^r to & from Dept and of joint note therein referred to.	2/21
	C 1185	" 9	Exposition of St Louis. Commissioners to. Confirms tel. of Jan 6 and gives brief sketch of appointees.	2/21
	C Tel.	" 9	Commercial Agreement with China - When will you send instructions for resumption of negotiations of the - Wu has arrived Shanghai - Good news telegraphs Chinese are very anxious to proceed.	1/9
	C Tel.	" 11	Indemnity payment in gold - Chinese Govt will reply to joint note it is impossible to pay the indemnity on gold basis under present conditions, but will try to do so if allowed to collect import duties on gold basis - What shall I say?	1/11
	C 1186	" 16	Same subject - payment of indemnity claimants (Chapin, Lowry, Crofts) returns vouchers enclosed in Dept. 590 executed -	2/27
	C Tel.	" 16	Legation Buildings - Necessary to contract for building materials at once - How & by whom shall drafts be made? -	1/16
	C 1187	" 16	Legation Quarter - encl's regulations agreed upon for the government and control of the entire -	2/27
	C 1188	" 17	Japanese Concession at Hankow - proposed extension of - encl's correspondence to the, showing included therein some property owned by Americans -	2/27
	C 1189	" 17	Telegraph Lines - Control & operation of by the Govt - encl's add Imp. edict concerning the taking over of the, throughout the Empire - Ref: to his 1174.	2/27
	C 1190	" 17	Student Interpreters - arrival of the - C. Clowe and P. S. Hecktzleman - reports arrangements for the accommodation of - as well as of future arrivals -	2/27
F.R. '03	C 1191	" 19	Expiatory monument to the memory of Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister murdered at Peking in 1900. - inauguration of the, on Jan 18 reported. Encls, text of inscriptions and of speeches by Prince Chung and the German Min^r Encl.	3/10
	C 1192	" 19	Stamp tax in the province of Chihli. Enc's memorial of Viceroy Yuan proposing the establishment of a, and Imperial Edict approving the scheme -	3/10.
F.R. '03	C 1193	" 22	Rebellious movements in the North and South and brigandage in Manchuria. Reports condition of affairs, and powerlessness of the Imperial Govt. which is confining itself to putting off outbreak by avoiding conflict with the leaders Prince Tuan and Gen Jung Lu-hsiang. Enc's letter from Dr Cavenaugh reporting failure of a band of Boxers at Chentu.	3/10
	1194	" 22	Commission of Chinese desiring to attend the St Louis Exposition. Copy of regulations requested	3/10
	1195	" 23	Student Interpreters. Quarterly examination of Report of Chinese Secy Williams transmitted	3/10
	C 1196	" 24	Plot against the Emperor. Enc's anonymous letter rec'd at the legation rel. to an alleged	3/10
	C 1197	" 26	Claims of Am. citizens. Ref to 1186 and enc's three more vouchers.	3/10
	C 1198	" 27	Missionary Alliance. Statement of the, setting forth the attitude of Protestant missionaries toward Chinese authorities, and native converts Enc'd, together with ack't of F.O. and the Prefect of Peking.	3/10
	C Tel	" 28	Indemnity. Payment in gold. "Ref's to my tel. of 3d., Chinese Govt. replies to joint note practically admitting obligation pay indemnity on gold basis, but pleads inability, and asks payment of import duties in gold, or that the reply^s of the powers suggest some other remedy - Signatories of joint note rejoin refusing consideration of the questions proposed until fractional bonds are issued."	3/28
	C 1199	" 29	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, gives an account of the meeting of the dip. corps at which the matter was considered with the result above telegraphed, and submits his views as to objections to payment of duties in gold. Enc's notes above referred to	3/10
	C 1200	" 31	Governor of Shansi. Appointment of Yuk'sien Tan to be, reported. Protest of Am. But and French legations based on Yu's record during the Boxer troubles, Encl.	3/10

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Edwin H Conger, Eldg	1201	Feb 2.	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Vouchers in the last two cases returned, duly executed	3/10
C	1202	" 3	American banking expert. Reply of Viceroy to inquiry in tel. of Nov. 1, was such as to justify belief that the services of an American expert were no longer desired. Con's correct	3/23
C	1203	" 4	Currency reforms. Con's newspaper clippings rel. to the President's message rel. to assistance to be extended to China and Mexico in regard to; issue of paper money now indulged in by the Chinese authorities a great difficulty in the way of eventual redemption.	3/25
	1204	" 4	$600 as rec'd	3/25
C	1205	" 6	Protocol Article X of the, rel. to the posting of Edicts against boxer anti-foreign agitation. Joint note protesting against failure to carry out, and against reappointment of officials implicated in the Boxer uprising rec'd.	3/25
C	1206	" 9	Audience on the Chinese New Year Address and Emperor's reply rec'd. Feeling among the representatives on account of the Empress Dowager's singling out the French Russian and Korean Ministers for personal congratulations.	3/25
	1206	" 6	Publication. Customs Gazette received.	3/25
C	1208	" 14	Legation Premises. Reports arrangements made to repair old temple in U.S. allotted quarter for occupancy about the middle of April when present premises will be turned over to the Koreans. Permission to draw for whole year's rent requested.	3/31
C	1209	" 16	Free entry for Consuls' personal effects, is favored by the dep. corps, generally, but opposed by himself. Dep. by cable requested.	3/31.
C	1210	" 16	Cession of territory to Belgium is denied by Belgian Min. who supposes that the report originated in negotiations for a settlement at Tientsin. Rte 607.	3/31.
C	1211	" 16	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Importance of fulfilling provisions of the protocol for the, has been urged to the U.S. as insisted in Conf; Con's joint note to the D.C.	3/31
C	1212	" 19	Legation new buildings. Purchase of bricks for the, reported. Con's contract and advises draft	3/31
C	1213	" 20	Native servants of legations. Con's regulations submitted by the Chinese Govt for the arrest and punishment of, guilty of offences, and requests instructions	3/31
	1214	" 20	Account for Cleveshire Cond as rec'd in "612.	3/31
	1215	" 20	Canton. Recognition granted to Consul Mr. Wade	3/31
	1216	" 20	Indemnity. Amortization table. Additional copy of corrected, Cond, as rec'd in "615	3/31
C	Tel	" 19	Octroi Duties in Peking. With ref. to your 616, I advise leaving the question until transit passes have been refused or failure to give them full effect according to treaty. Reply by tel.	3/19
C	1217	" 20	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, and gives reasons for his suggestion.	3/31
C	1218	" 20	Claim of R.L. Duggett. Cir: 3 "597; reports that it appears that he was discharged because incompetent to render the service called for by his contract, and suggests that before taking further action, he be supplied with full particulars and information.	3/31.
F. R. '03 C	1219	" 21	Consuls engaged in business. Question as to their right to attend Consular meetings, put by the Consul at Chefoo, answered in the affirmative. Con's letter from to Asst Sec Adee	3/31
C	Tels	" 23	Claims of U.S. Citizens: "Unpaid claimants very anxious about first payment indemnity. What shall I say to them?"	3/23
C	1220	" 23	Confirms the foregoing.	3/31
C	1221	" 23	Shansi. Governor of, Chang Yen-yao has been appointed Acting. vice Yu-hsien-San against whom objections were made by the dep. corps. Refers to 1205 and 1200 and gives antecedents of new appointee.	3/31
C	1222	" 23	Newspaper correspondence. Con's warning issued to personnel of the legation not to engage in; gives reasons for his action.	3/31
Wm E. Bainbridge 2nd Sec Edwin H Conger, Eldg		" 23	Leave. Extension of 30 days requested	3/25
	1223	" 25	Hankow. Recognition granted Vice Consul Cameron Rte 611	4/13
C	1224	" 28	Dismissal of Vice Consul Langhorne by Consul Shellwade at Canton. Con's letter to the Consul expressing regret at summary action and to U.C. declining to order investigation.	4/13
C	1225	Mar 2	Student interpreter. Arrival of Willard D. Hull reported.	4/13
C	1226	" 4	Stamp tax in the Province of Chihli will be put in operation April 2d. Ref to 1192	4/17
C	1227	" 6	Imitations of American Cotton fabrics. Ass't 605 and Con's note to D.C. in accordance therewith, also, two reports from Consul at Newchwang which point to assistance given by Russia to the manufacturer engaged in the matter and apparent purpose of Russia to control the trade of Manchuria.	4/17

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F. R. '03 Edwin H. Conger. Chill	1228	Mar 6	Russian Customs Service in leased territory and Manchuria. Ref to 1178, reports that Chinese are resisting Russian scheme and Russians will not listen to Chinese proposal to adopt the plan existing in German territory, viz: a customs station under the management of the Chinese Customs and operated by German employes. As a consequence goods are entering without payment of duty. Enc's reports from Consul at Newchwang	4/17
	1229	" 6	Aplon-Blue Code. New book requested to replace that now in the Legation	4/17
C	Tel	" 6	Treaty negotiations. Chinese Commissioners, names given, have only power to negotiate; power to sign would not be given until approval of the Treaty by the throne. Asks whether negotiations may be continued on that basis, other powers doing so	3/6.
C	1230	" 7	Consular jurisdiction over estates. Controversy as to, between the Consuls at Shanghai and Chefoo in the case of the Crawford will. Submits correspce with both Consuls.	4/17
C	1231	" 9	Consular Service. Investigation of the U.S., in China, recommended. Adverts to various incidents and Enc's letter from U.S. Marshal of Shanghai Consular Court reporting questionable transactions.	4/17
	1232	" 10	Publication. Light houses and boats; forwarded	4/17
F. R. '03 C	1233	" 10	Manchuria. Russian enterprise in. Enc's letter from Con at Newchwang reporting steps taken by Russia to gain commercial and political control.	4/17
C	1234	" 11	Claim of Rev Gilbert Reid. Protest against the Commission's award and statement forw'd	4/17
C	1235	" 12	Decorations for 3d Asst Sec'y Pierce and Sec'y Reynolds of the Mayor's Office in Mex. forw'd	4/17
F. R. '03 C	1236	" 12	Boxer movement in Chihli promptly suppressed by Viceroy Yuan Shih-K'ai's proclam'n	4/17
Tel		" 12	Treaty negotiations. "Anxiously awaiting reply my cipher telegram 62."	3/12
Tel		" 14	Same subject. "Will continue negotiations under present powers."	3/10.
C	1237	" 14	Land purchased by H. G. Squiers in Legations quarter was acquired after issuance of resolution declaring such purchases invalid. If S's claim is recognized, he should be given a pecuniary indemnity but not the title to the land which is needed for legation	4/17
C	1238	" 16	Treaty negotiations. Text of tels to & from Dept rel. to the powers of Chinese Commissioners. Chinese Govt has been advised that the U.S. did not wish to give more embarrassment and negotiations will be resumed at once	4/27
C	1239	" 16	Souvenir of the siege of the Legations in 1900. Transmits copy of Declaration of Independence in the legation perforated by a bullet, and the bullet that lodged in the wall	4/27
	1240	" 16	Books for the Agricultural Dept forwarded with explanatory note from Chinese Sec'y Williams	4/27
C	1241	" 18	Consular jurisdiction over Estates. Refers to 1230 and encs Consul Fowler's request that decision be withheld until he is heard from further.	4/27
F. R. '03 C	1242	" 20	Consular jurisdiction in territory leased to Russia. Encs Russian circular setting forth restrictions on.	4/27
C	Tel	" 18	Indemnity bonds and gold payment of duties. "Chinese Govt again refuses issue bonds until Powers consider question payment import duties in gold; claiming the present specific silver duty is not effective 5% provided for by the Protocol. France and Russia will agree to gold duties, England and others refuse absolutely. I tell the Chinese the two questions are separate. They should first comply with Protocol, issue provisional bonds, and then ask Powers to consider relief measures. Some of the Powers are ready to make peremptory demand for bonds, threatening occupation territory or other drastic measures. Bonds should be issued at once. It is dangerous for China to delay. Your tel: July 15th said U.S. do not wish bonds at present. Shall I demand bonds? Give definite instructions."	3/18.
C	1243	" 20	Same subject. Text of tels to & from Dept and notes from the Chinese Foreign office. Attitude of the several powers reported.	4/27
C	1244	" 23	Indemnity. Arbitrary rate of exchange fixed by the Bankers' Commission in making remittance is putting a loss of $30000 half yearly on the Chinese Govt and should be brought to the attention of the U.S. delegate. Enc's despatch of American Coin to the Govt	4/27
	1245	" 23	Chinese returning to China from abroad. Edict enjoining protection and fair treatment of. Encl	4/27
C	1246	" 25	Manchuria. Russian Courts established in various parts of, to take the place of the Consular Court at Newchwang whose jurisdiction is limited to that port. Encs letter from Consul Fowler representing hardship on American plaintiffs and reply thereto, acknowledging Russia's right; more satisfactory arrangement might be sought at St Petersburg	4/17
	1247	" 25	American Concession in Canton Art 13 624 and refers to Desp. 1028.	4/27
W. E. Bainbridge, 2nd Sec'y	~	" 15	Resignation tendered	3/15.

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China					
Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Ext. & Min. Plen.		1248	Mar. 26	Embargo on rice, subject to permits for which a fee was charged by the Taotai of Shanghai. Enc's joint protest of Min. Dep. corps against the latter feature as being in violation of the treaty with Great Britain and F.O.'s reply	5/12
	C	1249	" 30	Legation. Removal of, to its temporary quarters, reported.	5/12
	C	1250	" 30	Exhibition of St. Louis. Departure of Asst Com'r Huang and Chinese mechanics for the Enc's note from F.O. announcing the and requesting facilities at landing.	5/12
	C	1251	" 31	Indemnity Bond Note demanding issuance of, in conformity with Dep's tel. of Mar 19. Enc'd	5/12
F. R. '03	C	1252	" 31	Treaty ports. Opening of in Manchuria. Recommends Ta Tung Kou in preference to Tatsinhain and Mukden and Harbin, gives reasons and requests instructions by tel. Enc's Cantlie's report	5/12
		1253	Apl 1	Diplomatic and Consular Register. Issue is published; Enc's red book giving names of Ministers.	5/12
		1254	" 3	Customs Gazette Supplement Other transmitted	5/12
	C	1255	" 3	Imitation of American cotton fabrics, reported in 1227, is denied by the F.O. in Enc'd note	5/12
		1256	" 4	678 award	5/12
	C	Tel.	" 4	Claims of Ind. Citizens. "For indemnity claimants in interior beyond reach of Consuls will not signatures attested by witnesses be sufficient mention of vouchers."	4/4
		1257	" 8	Same subject. Text of tels. to & from Dept.	5/12
		1258	" 8	Legation new buildings. Refers to 1179 and transmits correct accounts.	5/12
		1259	" 9	627 award	5/20
	C	1260	" 10	Legations quarter. Proposed regulations for the government of the, indefinitely deferred on account of British Govt withholding its assent thereto. Refers to 1187	5/20
		1261	" 11	Envoy. Recognition granted to U.S. Con Gen Carl Johnson.	5/20
	C	1262	" 11	Claim of Constance Talbey. Indemnity warrant & voucher returned. Claimant is now in New Rochester Mass.	5/20
		Tel	" 11	Death of Jung Lu of the Grand Council announced.	4/11
		Tel	" 13	Same subject. Prince Ching appointed to Grand Council vice Jung Lu.	4/13
		1263	" 13	Vice Roy of Min. Che provinces. Hsi Liang appointed vice Hsue Wen Tsai dismissed. Antecedents, official record and character of new appointee.	5/20
		1264	" 14	Text of Dep's tel. of Apl 8.	5/20
	C	1265	" 14	Repairs on Legation's temporary buildings. Refs Dep's tel. of Apl 9; appropriation for new buildings will be entirely needed for the same	5/20
		1266	" 15	Publications Trade reports transd	5/20
	C	1267	" 16	Uprisings. Danger of, greatly exaggerated in press reports; disturbances of a local character occur as they ever did, but are kept under control by the Government; the latter should be made stronger and a constant watch and force kept in China.	6/4
	C	1268	" 16	Stamp tax postponed by Enc'd Imperial decree. Reasons for the measure given.	6/4
		1269	" 17	Death of Jung Lu. Confirms tel. of Apl 11 & 13, Enc's decrees conferring posthumous honors on Jung Lu and appointing Prince Ch'ing, who is more favorable to foreigners, as his successor, and Enc's a short biography of Jung Lu	6/4
F. R. '03	C	Tel.	" 17	Manchuria. "New Chwang not yet evacuated. Russian Min. alleging unfinished negotiations for permanent Sanitary Commission under Russian domination as reason for the delay."	4/17
F. R. '03	C	1270	" 18	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, suggests that Russia is apparently trying the temper of other powers and that representations ought to be made in St Petersburg	6/4
		1271	" 20	Non-receipt of Dep's tel. of Mar 2 reported. "637 award"	6/4
		1272	" 21	Unnumbered Dis. of Mar 6 award	6/4
		1273	" 21	Tientsin. Recognition granted U.S. Con Gen Ragsdale	6/4
		1274	" 21	Tientsin. Recognition granted U.S. Con Gen Murphy	6/4
		Tel	" 21	"Rumors of danger here have no foundation."	4/21
		1275	" 21	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, Enc's samples of alarmist reports issued in Herald and refers to 1267	6/21
	C	1276	" 22	Student Interpreters. Chinese. Dep's report of quarterly examination of the, transd	6/4
F. R. '03	C	Tel	" 23	Manchuria. "Before evacuation Russian Govt. demands new conditions applying to Manchuria as follows: No new treaty ports or foreign Consuls allowed. No foreigners except Russians to be employed in the public service. Status of administration same as before. Newchwang Customs receipts to be deposited Russian Chinese Bank. Sanitary Commission dominated by Russians. Privilege of attaching wires to all telegraph poles. No territory ever to be alienated to any power. Chinese refuse but unless assured of more than moral support will yield."	

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Edwin H. Conger, Ed. Min.	1277	Apl 24	Financial reforms. Edict directing Prince Ch'ing and Ch'u Hung chi to elaborate a plan of, transd.	
C	1278	" 24.	Code of Commercial laws. Edict appointing Prince Tsai. Ch'un, Yuan Shih K'ai and Wu Ting fang to arrange a, transd.	6/4.
C	1279	" 24	Decorations for rd officers are intended for those only who protected the Imperial Palace. Rk 638.	6/4.
C	Tel	" 24.	Treaty Revision. "Prince insist on amending Art. one of proposed treaty so that dip. Repves shall have the right to correspond with F.O. only. Shall we yield?"	6/4.
	1280	" 27	Newspapers for legation. Wash. Post and S.F. "Chronicle" requested	4/24.
C	1281	" 27	Consular jurisdiction over estates. Refers to 1230 and trans further despatch from Consul at Chefoo	6/4.
	1282	" 27	Expenses for repairs on Student Interpreters' quarters. Account for, transd.	6/4.
F.R. '03 C	1283	" 29	Manchuria. Conditions imposed by Russia for the evacuation of. Confirms tel. of Apl 28, reports interview with Prince Ch'ing, and the filing of notes of warning and protest by the Brit and Jap. Ministers; trans's note to Chinese Govt in accordance with Dept's tel. of Apl 25.	6/4.
F.R. '03 C	Tel	May 3	Same subject. "I send by mail correct translation of the Note of Russian Ch. d'Aff to Prince Ch'ing containing substantially the demands mentioned in my tel. of April 28th to which the Chargé d'Aff. says in his note China must agree and then further evacuation will follow. Brit Ch. d'Aff is mistaken about the Liao River."	5/3.
F.R. '03 C	1284	" 4	Same subject. Trans's note above referred to; predicts that Russia is bent on retaining control in Manchuria and suggests that the Govt must either join other Powers in peremptory demand on Russia or obtain without loss of time satisfactory concessions	6/5.
C	Tel.	" 5.	Russian preparations in Manchuria. "Miller writes from Newchwang Russian agents chartering all Norwegian, Swedish or German steamers possible for transports Port Arthur to Yalu River. Had already secured two."	5/5.
	1285	" 5	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and reports further minor details of Miller's despatch	6/8.
C	1286	" 6	Trans' of Consular Salary. Refers to 1262 and returns second warrant executed—	6/8.
C	1287	" 7	Arsenals in China. Report of Mil Attaché's Secretary on the work and output of, transd.	6/8
F.R. '03 C	1288	" 7	Manchuria. Occupation by Russians of territory opposite New Chwang which they evacuated six months ago. Trans's Gen Miller's report of the.	6/8
C	Tel	" 8	Same subject. "Miller reports that Russian troops have returned to New Chwang in force occupying forts near the mouth of River with large guns, strengthening other coast and interior points, and arranging for supplies."	6/8.
C	Tel	" 9	Same subject. "Miller now reports forts near mouth of river again evacuated. He has been instructed by tel. to explain."	6/9.
	1289	" 9	Same subject. Confirms the two foregoing tels and trans's Miller's reports.	6/8.
	1290	" 9	Second Secretary. Urges appointment of a, to take Bainbridge's place—	6/8.
C	1291	" 9	Claims of rd. Citizens. Returns, duly signed, vouchers for warrants in Desp. 627	6/8
C	1292	" 10	Meeting of Military Surgeons. Chinese Govt regrets it will be unable to send delegates and wishes to receive earlier notice of the next meeting.	6/8.
C	Tel.	" 12	Manchuria. Occupation by Russians of territory opposite New Chwang. "With ref. to my Tel. 7th inst. Miller explains that the Russians returned only the usual force kept at New Chwang before evacuation began that his report of occupying and strengthening forts were unfortunately erroneous as it is to be regretted	5/12
C	1293	" 13	Passport. of J.C. Shengle. Encls. corresp. rel to his complaint that it was not respected.	6/24
C	1294	" 14	Passport, Fraudulent, of Aron Finkelstein returned. Full history of case, transmitted.	6/24
	1295	" 14	Manchuria, Russian demands in. Ref. to #1284. Confirms tel. below & gives further details of interview w. Prince Ching.	6/24
F.R. '03 C	Tel	" 7	Same subject. "Russian Charge d'Aff. is still insisting as Chin. Govt that no Manchurian ports shall be opened, saying it would be considered by Russia serious affront, therefore Chinese dare not include them in treaty. If Russ. M. of F.A. is sincere in his declarations to you he should wire corresponding instructions here.	5/7
	1296	" 14	Manchuria. Occupation by Russians of territory opposite New Chwang. Confirms his #1289 & Tel 9th inst. transmits Miller's explanation.	6/24
	1297	" 16	Thanks for services of Amer. ambass at London in arbitrating claim. loss ships Kowshing Expressed by Chin. Govt.	6/24
C	1298	" 16	Manchuria. Special Permits for travelers no longer required by Russian Mil. authorities	6/24
	1299	" 20	Admission of Chinese desiring to attend St. Louis Exposition. Instr. "Yes" asked.	7/1

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Edwin H. Conger E&M.P.		Tel.	May 18	Indemnity. "British Chargé Jackson visits to notify Chin. Govt. that H.Brit. will accept silver in payment for indemnity for 9 years, leaving question of paying or cancelling difference between gold & silver to be settled at some future time.	5/18
		C 1300	" 22	Same subject. Tel of May 18, confd. reports other govts not likely to take similar action.	7/
		C 1301	" 22	Shanghai. Complaint of Consul Fowler against Com. Genl. Goodnow of. Encls. Mr. Fowler's 16 May	7/
		C 1302	" 22	Legation Buildings. Rpts. acceptance of bid and sending of draft for half the amount for Kierulff & C.	7/
		C 1303	" 22	Taels (China) Value of. Encls. Mr. Williams' May 21, giving all information available Rs #642	7/
		C 1304	" 25	Passport application of Louis Boeckmann, refused. Encls. Applic. & gives reasons for his action.	7/
		C 1305	" 25	Mob Attack on Am. Engineers on Canton & Hankow Ry. Rpts. Says "Callao" means them. Encls. corres. betw. Mr. Conger & Prince Ching, rel to.	7/
		C 1306	" 25	Accounts. Difficulties on acct of variation in values of Mexican dollar & Chinese taels. Encls. letter from Manchuria Legation stating. Requests instns.	7/
		C 1307	" 26	Claims of U.S. citizens. Warrants returned. Refers to dispts #627 & March 6 & 23. & his 1291. Also warrants, unsigned, of C.H.C. Molleu.	7/
F.R. '03		C Tel.	" 28	Manchuria. Opening of ports to trade, in. Encloses note from Prince Ching rel to inquiries of Russian representatives on the subject, and adding that, without absolutely refusing to open the ports, China must decide herself after investigation of conditions and does not deem it expedient to insert clause in the treaty. Argument not entirely averse to say in writing that request is denied on account of Russia's objections.	5/28
F.R. '03		C 1308	" 29	Same subject. Text of tel from Chi dept. and notes to & from F.O. encl'd; reports conversation with the principal Secretary of the F.O. justifying closing paragraph in his tel. of May 28	7/13
F.R. '03		C Tel	" 30	Same subject. "Your tel of the 28th Russian Minister says he understands Russian Govt is not opposed to open ports and Consulates in Manchuria, but cannot cooperate without instructions from his Govt from which he has telegraphed."	5/30
		C 1309	June 2	Foreign office. Liew fang has been promoted to First Secretary or Director; Hsu Pi-hsiu appointed Second Secretary and Wen Ling-fang second assistant in the corps of under Secretaries.	7/12
		C 1310	" 2	Sedan Chairs of the Legation. Necessary repairs on the will cost about $300; authority to draw req'd	7/13
		C 1311	" 3	Student Interpreter. Arrival of C.D.S. Williams reported.	7/13
		C Tel.	" 4	Manchuria. Conditions imposed by Russia. "In view of the absolute truthfulness of my dispatches, should not the statement of Count Cassini published by San Francisco Chronicle April 30th be explained by him, or denied by the Dept., if not already done."	6/4
		C 1312	" 4	Same subject. Confirms foregoing, Enc's clipping from San Francisco Chronicle therein referred to and refers to Disp 1284 in support of the accuracy of his reports.	7/18
		C 1313	" 5	Claims of E.K. Lowry. Vouchers in Ins. 658 returned duly executed.	7/14
		1314	" 5	"659 acctd.	7/18
F.R. '03		C Tel	" 6	Manchuria. Opening of ports in: Refers to my tel. of 30th. Russian Imp. says he has not yet rec'd instructions and cannot make definite statement on the question without them. He thinks reply as to cooperation has been sent to you from St Petersburg. I think it is simply waiting	6/6
		C 1315	" 8	Repairs on temporary legation quarters. Draft for $987 advised. Asks Dept's tel	7/18
		C 1316	" 8	Civil service Examination. Inquiry of Brollette, Clerk of the Legation, as to whether it can be taken by him without returning to the U.S.	7/8
		C 1317	" 9	Student Interpreter Albert W. Jenkins arrived in Peking this day.	7/8
F.R. '03		C 1318	" 9	Manchuria. Opening of ports in. Confirms tel. of June 6, reports conversation with Russian Imp. and Enc's note to Prince Ching in accordance with Dep's tel. of May 30	7/14
		C 1319	" 9	Smuggling of arms is undoubtedly practised on a small scale by native junks, but no definite information can be procured. Rs 633.	7/8
		C Tel	" 11	Exposition St Louis Commissioner Kwang and party of 35 arrive San Francisco on Hongkong Maru June 27th. Shall arrange for landing."	6/11
		1320	" 11	Confirms foregoing.	7/18
		C 1321	" 11	Library for the use of Student Interpreters. Hart's recommendations invites in "667	7/18
		C 1322	" 11	Claims of U.S. citizens. Vouchers in Ins. 1307 returned duly executed	7/18
		C 1323	" 12	Claim of Laura R. Jones. Warrants & Vouchers returned for execution under R.S.	7/18
		C Tel	" 12	Manchuria. Opening of ports in: "Your tel. of the 12th was understood and my action in conformity thereto."	6/12
		C 1324.	" 13	Same subject. Confirms foregoing; all hope of concluding the treaty must come from Washington	7/18

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Edwin H. Conger, Esq. Minr.		Tel	June 14.	Treaty negotiations. "After having nearly finished negotiations with an understanding that the treaty should be completed and signed at Shanghai, Chinese Govt without notice or our consent, by Edict has ordered all treaty negotiations transferred to Peking. The U.S. and Chinese Commrs at Shanghai have substantially agreed upon all points except opening of the Manchurian ports. The place for negotiations once fixed can only be changed by the consent of both parties. I think it would be prejudicial to our interest and have refused to transfer, and shall in no case consent to reopen any question already agreed upon by the Joint Commission. I hope for your approval by telegraph."	6/14
		1325	" 16	Publication: Customs gazette trans'd.	7/20.
C		1326	" 18.	Audience to Col Evans and staff by the Emperor and Empress dowager. Account of the: list of remarks exed.	7/20.
F. R. '03	C	Tel	" 18	Manchuria. Opening of ports in." Your tel of the 16th. I have communicated to Russian Min. our demands relative to localities to be opened to trade. He says he has no instructions except to await discussion of the question at Washington and can make no statement to Chinese Govt nor any one concerning the attitude of Russia."	6/18.
F. R. '03	C	1327	" 18	Same subject. Text of tel. from sec'y Dept.; reports conversation with Russian Minister and comments upon the equivocal attitude of the Chinese F.O. and Russian legation	7/20
	C	1328	" 18	Indemnity. Payments to Bankers' Commission. Transmits report of J. S. Kearon as instructed in "659. Communal report has been called for.	7/20.
	C	Tel	" 19	Treaty negotiations." Chinese Govt has decided to continue our treaty negotiations at Shanghai	7/20
	C	1329	" 19	Same subject. Text of tels to & from dept: notes to and from F.O. Exc'd.	7/20
	C	1329	" 18.	Octroi duty in Peking. Amount collected from Mr Briggs has been returned by the Chinese Govt. Exc'd notes to & from F.O.	7/20.
	C	Tel	" 20	Whereabouts." I all here and well. To writing."	6/20
		1331	" 20	Confirms the foregoing.	7/20.
	C	1332	" 23	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Refers to #672, & states that the appointment of the Chinese member is still deferred; in his opinion the authorities are using this matter to induce the Powers to yield to their contention for the right of paying the indemnity in silver.	8/4
F. R. '03	C	1333	" 25	Treaty ports. Opening of in Manchuria. Adds #674, & states that he has consulted with the Japanese & British Representatives, who agree with him as to desirability of opening Ta T'ung-kau, Mukden, & Harbin. Reports action of these Powers, & states that others are not interested in the matter.	8/4
	C	1334	" 24	Currency Reform. Adds receipt of #671, & states that the instrs therein have been communicated to the Chinese Govt, & incls a copy of Govt reply to his note on the subject.	8/4
		1335	" 24	Hankow. Con. Gen'l at, Reports recognition of Sun S. Wilcox as, & forwarding of Commission to him. R. to #670.	8/4
	C	1336	" 26.	Claim of Rev. Gilbert Reid. Further protest against the Commission's award. Encls letter from Dr. Reid.	8/4
	C	1337	" 26	Defenses of the Legation Quarter. Encls copy of a letter from the German Minister to him together with a letter from the General commanding the German forces in this province urging the necessity of the erection of certain defenses, & his reply thereto. States his attitude in regard to advisability of erecting the defenses in question. Refers to his No. 536 of July 16, 1901.	8/4
		1338	" 26	Account & notice of draft for expenses in repairing a house for occupation of Student Interpreter. Refers to Dept's instr. #614.	8/4
	C	1339	" 27	Claim of Sarah Alice Troyer-Young's heirs for her murder in 1900 by the Boxers. Reports that facts are all as stated in the memorial, but states that the claim should be presented to the British Govt as Mrs Young was a British subject by marriage. R. to #669.	8/4
	C	1340	" 29	Indemnity. Payment to Bankers Commission. Refers to his #1328 & incls copy of proceedings of Commission.	8/4
	C	1341	" 29	Consular jurisdiction over estates. Controversy between Consul Gen. at Shanghai and Consul at Chefoo. Encs letter of Administrator Bostock representing that Mayer's decision in Ins. 665 is based on misapprehension of facts and will complicate matters if not rescinded	9/12
		1342	" 29	Cypher Code. Use of spelling code is well understood at the legation; error in tel. was the result of an oversight.	8/12
		1343	July 1	Repairs to temporary legation quarters. Accounts and vouchers found	8/12
F. R. '03	C	Tel	" 1	Manchuria. Opening of ports in." Your tel. of the 27th and the 29th. Prince Ching reiterates willingness of Chi Govt to open ports but says it is absolutely impossible until Russian evacuation as Russia would make this an excuse for continued occupation. He again confidentially promised that China would open them very soon after evacuation. He could not give written promise as this would influence Russia the same as actually opening the ports. Whether or not this course is prudence. China is helpless. Shall we conclude treaty now without opening ports, or await indefinitely final evacuation."	7/1

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F.R.'03 C P Edwin H Conger, Envoy	1344	July 1	Manchuria. Opening of ports in. Confirms tel. of this date and reports details of his interview with Prince Ching.	8/12
C Tel.	" 3		Exposition of St Louis. Treasury Regulations for the admission of Chinese participating in the have been published and are causing such criticism that Chinese participation may be seriously affected of not withdrawn. Text of regulations requested.	7/3.
C 1345	" 3		Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and incs translation of the regulations as published in Chinese.	8/12
Tel	" 5		Tael. "Telegraph valuation Shanghai Tael for the present quarter."	7/3
1346	" 7		Same subject. Confirms foregoing and gives his reasons for telegraphing the inquiry.	8/12
C Tel	" 3		Famine in Kwangsi. "Yes". Rep to tel of the 2nd	
C 1347	" 11		Legation work and expenses on new buildings. Encs report of Architect Healy, two contracts for labor and material, and account for expenses drawn for this day	8/24
C 1348	" 11		Same subject. Repairs and expenses on temporary quarters. Account drawn	8/24
1349	" 20		Student Interpreter. Quarterly examination of. Report of Chinese Secretary Enc.	8/31
1350.	" 20		Indemnity. Amortization table in Desp. 677 will be communicated to Ch Govt and Dip. Corps	8/31.
C 1351	" 20		Chungking. Reestablishment of Consulate at, recommended. Enc's letter from Rev. Alice Cady showing necessity for Consular representation in Western China.	8/31.
C 1352	" 21		Currency Reform. Enc's Dep't's tel. of July 3. Chinese Govt has decided to establish a central mint and to make the tael the unit but will do nothing to interfere with the work of the Commission.	8/31.
F.R.'03 C Tel	" 22		Manchuria. Opening of ports in." Your tel. of the 14th complied with. Prince Ching reaffirms willingness of the Chinese Govt. to open the ports but reiterates the absolute impossibility of opening them until the withdrawal of Russia. But he has given me his written promise that then China herself will open two of the three places requested in Manchuria. Peking is now practically open but China will not put it in treaty. This seems to be the best under the circumstances that China can do at present. I recommend that the treaty be concluded immediately without the ports."	7/22
F.R.'03 C 1353.	" 23		Same subject. Confirms foregoing, reports interview with Prince Ching, gives reasons why it is preferable to sign treaty now without reference to ports and incs note from Prince Ching	8/5.
C 1354	" 24		Consular Courts. Relations of, to each other, and right of appeal. Submits complaint of the American Trading Co that the Consul at Chefoo refuses execution of judgments of the Consular Court of Shanghai; gives opinion of Justice Dept. and calls attention to anomaly in Statute (1891) which authorizes appeal in cases where amount is less than $2500 but not in those where it needs the same amount.	8/31
C 1355	" 25		Assistant Chinese Secretary. Appointment of an, at a salary of not less than $2000. Enc's letter from Chinese Secy recommending the, and indorses the recommendation	8/31
C 1356	" 28		Claim of R. L. Thyreide. Discrepancy in statements made as to require explanation before taking action on Inc. 689.	9/1
1357	" 28		Foreign Relations. Same number of copies as heretofore sent is required by the legation.	9/1
C Tel	" 29		Extraterritorial rights. Surrender of Chinese in foreign settlement of Shanghai charged with sedition. "In addition cases Shanghai two plead guilty. Chinese Govt requests these be surrendered to the Govt. of Soochow for punishment. All my colleagues except British and Japanese who are awaiting for instructions consent to their surrender. The safety of the Chinese Govt. and all foreign interests will be greatly jeopardized if foreign settlements or Chinese territory can be an asylum for perpetration of crimes against the Govt. Having due regard to the agreement between the Consuls and local authorities I advise the surrender of those who plead guilty or are convicted by the Mixed Court. Telegraph instructions".	7/29
C 1358	" 30		Same subject. Confirms foregoing and incs correspondence with Consul General at Shanghai	8/1
C 1359	Aug 1		Claims of U.S. Citizens and their Chinese Servants. Vouchers for payment on. Enc's: warrant and vouchers for two who have left China returned	9/1
C 1360	" 1		Trade of Newchwang and Manchuria. Transmits Con. Miller's half yearly report on	9/1
C 1361	" 3		Commercial Treaty between Great Britain and China. Ratifications exchanged July 28.	9/16
F.R.'03 Tel	" 3		Manchuria. Opening of ports in." Held conference with the Prince to-day subject of your telegram of the 27th. He promises to reply very soon"	8/3.
1362	" 4		Ceremonial letter in Desp. 687 has been delivered	9/16

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Edwin H. Conger. Chargé	Tel	Aug 7 Extraterritorial rights. "Revolutionary conspirator Shen Chin secretly tried and beaten to death here by order of the Empress Dowager. Consequently I should demand guarantees against like treatment before consenting to surrender Chinese prisoners."	8/7
C 1363	"	7 Same subject. Confirms foregoing, and Encloses full account of Shen Chin's case	9/6.
C 1364	"	8 Legation New Buildings. Draft for $6644.50 to meet expenses of coming month, advised	9/16.
1365	"	12 Same subject. Clerical error in foregoing corrected.	9/16.
C 1366	"	12 Interpreter, native, at Tientsin. Encloses letter from Consul General submitting as evidence of the unreliability of the test of 1896 after the Vice Consul to the Taotai and its Chinese translation by the interpreter. Recommends that until students are able to fill the places at Consulates, the allowance for Tientsin be restored to $1500 to permit of securing the services of former interpreter Maclay.	9/26
C 1367	"	13 Indemnity. Amortization table in Inclosure 677. Chinese Govt thinks discrepancies in the original table are not sufficiently important to justify its being superseded at this time.	9/26.
C 1368	"	13 Memorial letter in Inclosure 687 commending Ex Minister Wu has been placed in the hands of the Emperor. Refers to 1362	9/26.
F. R. '03 C Tel	"	14 Manchuria. Opening of ports in. Promise of Chinese Govt to insert in treaty provision for the and to sign the treaty on October 8th. Quotes note from Prince Ch'ing and asks whether it is satisfactory	9/14.
F. R. '03 C 1369	"	14 Same subject. Confirms foregoing, reports interviews with Prince Ch'ing, on receipt of Dep't's telegrams of July 25 and 27, the Prince's proposal that notes in the nature of a secret treaty be exchanged, which was declined, the several attempts of the Chinese Govt to make positive promise to insert provision on a certain date, and final answer that was telegraphed on this date. Encl's note containing promise and asks to be informed by cable if entire Treaty may be signed as it now stands.	9/26
F. R. '03 C 1370	"	17 Same subject. Dep't's tel. of Aug 16 has been complied with.	9/26.
C 1371	"	21 Damage to the Legation's wall and road by a heavy rain storm reported. Expense to be borne by the legations is not yet known.	10/5.
F. R. '03 C 1372	"	21 Seizing. Rights of foreigners in. Encl's Prince Ch'ing's note stating that the practice of allowing foreign merchants to buy property and engage in business will be discontinued. The diplomatic corps is divided on the question, and the U.S. legation stands uncommitted	10/5.
C 1373	"	22 Student Interpreters. Reports recommendation in 1107 that cost of tuition be paid by the Govt	10/5.
F. R. '03 C 1374	"	25 Manchuria. Opening of ports in. Antung is reported by a Brit. officer to be much more desirable than Ta Tungkow; Ad. Evans has been asked to investigate.	10/5.
C 1375	"	25 Correspondence of Consuls with the legations. In connection with recent creation of Inspectorates General recommends that the letters be sent directly, copies only being furnished to the Consulate General	10/5.
C 1376	"	26 Trade Marks. Protection of in China. No general arrangement for this exists, but Consular Officers have in some cases secured local protection within their district. Encl's letter to Messrs Spencer. Refers to 692.	10/5.
C 1377	"	31 Extraterritorial rights. No further communication has been received from the F.O. in regard to the "Swatow" cases in Shanghai. Encl's letter to Conger reports latest proposition made by the Taotai.	10/12
C 1378	Sept 1	Manchuria. Evacuation of, by Russia. Present aspect of negotiations between China Japan & Russia promise a peaceful settlement; Legation proposes to insist upon signing the treaty on the appointed day and the privilege of opening settlements in Manchurian ports as well as any Treaty port; trouble between Russia and Japan is more likely to arise from clash of interests in Korea than from the question of Manchuria	10/12
1379	"	2 Legation buildings. Account Encl; drafts advised	9/12
Tel	"	3 Treaty. Signing of. "I have rec'd your tel. of the 2nd and will comply with your instructions"	9/12.
C Tel	"	5. Postal rates. "Because of the P. M. Gen's order of April 30th. letters are being mailed from the U.S. to all parts of China prepaid at only domestic rates thereby causing great inconvenience and expense to recipients. General notice should be given that the order applies to Shanghai only."	9/5.
C 1380	"	5 Same subject Confirms and explains the foregoing.	10/12
C 1381	(Aug) 26	Postal Service of China. Report on the, and comments on the progress made therein.	
C	"	Foreign Post offices, though objectionable in many respects, cannot be dispensed with at present. See 679	
C	"	Postal Agreement between France and China 1903; the former interprets it as giving her general control of the service	10/7

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China				
Edwin H. Conger Ed & Ml	1382	Sept 8.	Publications. Trade Returns for 1902 forwarded	10/17
	1383	" 8	Passport, old returned.	10/.
	1384	" 9.	Extraterritorial rights. Corrects error in translination of his tel of July 27.	10/1
F.R. '03 C	Tel.	" 9	Manchuria. Opening of ports in. Antung formd to be preferable to Tatungkow and recommended by Adl Evans. Prince Ch'ing has no objection to substituting in this treaty, and will obtain final answer in a few days.	9/9.
F.R. '03 C	1385.	" 9	Same subject. Confirms foregoing, and encl extract from Brit Officer's report on Tatungkow and Adl Evans' tels. Japanese want both ports and will probably retain Tatungkow in their treaty.	10/7
	1386	" 9	Exposition at St Louis. Regulations for the admission of Chinese. Encs note to FO. giving notice of changes made as instructed in 696.	10/7
C	Tel.	" 9	Manchuria. Conditions imposed by Russia for the evacuation of Substance of the, communicated to Japanese Ministers by Prince Ch'ing who advises envoys to accept them.	9/9
C	1387	" 10	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, Japanese Minister has since warned China against accepting the conditions: comments on the same	10/7
C	1388	" 10.	Board of Commerce. Encs Edict creating a, with Prince Tsai Chen as President; Wu Ting fang as 1st Vice Pres and Chen Lei as 2nd Vice Pres	10/7
	1389	" 10	Text of tels from Dept rel to Shanghai edition cases.	10/7
	1390	" 10	Telegrams from the Dept - Recommends that date of important tels be embodied in the text	10/7
C	1391	" 12	Treaty. Signing of the Text of tels from and to Dept. Encs corrs with the Chinese Foreign office and reports steps taken to insure the signing of the treaty on Oct 8	10/7
—		" 15	Marshal, U.S., Wilbur F. Greeley - certf copy of bond and oath with Encl. 702.	10/27.
	1392	" 21	Publication - Customs Gazette No. 136, Apr. - June 1903 - suppl. copies of, transmitted -	10/27
	1393	" 23	Manchuria - Opening of ports in - confirms tel. Dec 12 and Dept reply, same date -	10/27
C	1394	" 23	Exploration, geological for the Carnegie Institution - Reports arrival of Bailey Willis in Peking for the purpose of, and his opinion as to the possibility of obtaining artesian water for Legation - Asks that he be directed to make an official report thereon -	10/27.
F.R. '03 C	Tel	" 12	Manchuria. Opening of ports in. "Chinese Govt consents to substitute Antung for Tatungkow."	9/12
C	Tel	" 23	Manchuria. Evacuation of, by Russia. Prince Ching, in interview, says China will not accept conditions imposed by Russia and asks whether the US would use its good offices to bring about some satisfactory settlement instead of Russia not evacuating on Oct 8.	9/23.
C	Tel	" 24	Same subject. "Your tel of the 23d recd. Your Nos. by tels. of Aug 5th were complied with. The Prince has again verbally promised that Treaty shall be signed Oct. 8th I will decline his request as instructed."	9/24.
C	1395	" 24	Same subject. Full report of interviews with Prince Ching and text of tel. to & from Dept	11/5
	1396	" 25	Consular Regulations and Post Salary Tables requested.	11/5.
C	1397	" 28	War Vessels. Restrictions on, visiting German fortified ports. Encs text of regulations decreed May 16, 1877.	11/5.
C	1398	" 29	Postal rates. Protest of American Association against practice of Chinese Postal Authorities charging double rates on all letters received unstamped. Post Office at Shanghai at 1st domestic rates	11/5.
C	1399	" 29	Currency reform in China. Encs petition of Chamber of Commerce to Dep. Corps urging early establishment of uniform coinage in China.	11/5.
C	1400	" 30	Repairs to Swan Quarters. Account for $169.62 Enclosed.	11/14
C	1401	Oct 2	Claims of Chinese employés of US. Citizens. Returns signed warrants of indemnity.	11/11
C	1402	" 2	Board of Commerce. Ref to 1388 and encs two edicts: one directing local authorities to cooperate with the Board and another putting it in charge of the Bureau of Railways and Mines.	11/14
C	1403	" 2	Consuls engaged in business. Encs letter from Consul Fowler at Chefoo discussing the position taken by the Dept in Nos. 656 and describing objections that do and may arise	11/.
C	1404	" 2	Manchuria. Opportunities and prospects for American trade in. Encs letter from Consul at Newchwang suggesting that a Special Commission be sent to investigate the	11/6
	Tel	" 3	Treaty. "Negotiations completed. Starting today for Shanghai to sign treaty the 8th"	10/3

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Edwin H. Conger, Eld.	C 1405	Oct 10.	Consular jurisdiction over Estates. Ex's letter from Consul at Chefoo contending that the Dept. should not interfere with the judicial action of Consular Officers and representing that the Solicitor's decision in the Crawford estate case will put it to serious inconvenience and expense.	11/14
John Ll. Coolidge, Secy.	C 1406	" 16	Consular Courts - Jurisdiction of, over consular officers - Referring to his 1301 and to Inst. 695, encl. letter from Consul Pontet at Chefoo with ref. to his charges against Cons. Goodnow for ~~causing explosion~~ against V. Consul Emery while passing through Shanghai -	11/16.
	1407	" 17	Publication "Medical Reports, 1901, pub. by Imperial Maritime Customs. transmitted.	11/16
Henry P. Fletcher	1408	" 17	Secretary of Legation (2d) Henry P. Fletcher - arrival at post reported.	11/16.
Edwin H. Conger, Eld.	1409	" 22	Claim of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions referred to in Inst. 683 was overlooked by the Claims Commission and ought to be paid. Ex's sworn statement of Dr J. J. Atwood	12/.
	C 1410	" 22	Defences of the Legation. Authority to build a guard house and ramps has been renewed to the Com'dg Officer of the guard as instructed in Inst. of Sept 5.	12/.
	C 1411	" 22	Claim of Louis McCarlin, presented in Ins. 625, has been allowed in the sum of $500 Taels.	12/.
	C 1412	" 22	Emigrants. Medical Inspection of by Brd. Officers at ports of embarkation. Chinese Govt. will not allow the. Ex's notes to and from F.O. re the Circular of August 19.	12/.
	C 1413	" 23	Flag, commercial, of China. Diagram filed.	12/.
	C 1414	" 23	Treaty of Commerce. Signing of the. Account of his trip to Shanghai in connection with the, and of his visit to Vice Roy Wei Hsiang-tao; courtesies extended by the late "Admiral Uhlesburg."	12/.
	1415	" 24.	Audiences to the Diplomatic Corps and the ladies of the Corps on Oct 9 and 10. Minister legation was not represented at either.	12/.
	C 1416	" 24	Decorations tendered to U.S. Army officers named in Inst. 693, forwarded.	12/.
	C 1417	" 24	Decoration tendered to Capt. R. W. Brewster, military attaché in 1900-1. forwarded	12/.
	1418	" 24	Legation New buildings. Account for iron purchased for the, filed.	12/.
	C Tel	" 25	Manchuria. Evacuation of. by Russia. Good offices of the U.S. requested by China. Under note received from Prince Ching.	11/25.
	C 1419	" 26	Consular Immunities. Securing for personal effects is to be asked by the dip corps as a matter of courtesy. U.S. legation will not join.	12/8
	C 1420	" 26	Extraterritorial rights. Surrender of Edition "prisoners demanded by the Viceroy of Nanking and under by the Consuls at Shanghai. Dip. corps finally suggest compromise under which a Chinese magistrate would sit in the Mixed Court at the trial. Ex's letter of Advice Rec'd to the Consuls and of the decision of the dip Corps to the Senior Consul General at Shanghai	12/8.
	C 1421	" 28	Claim of Allen N. Cameron in Ins. 673 returned with a recommendation that it be paid.	12/8
	C 1422	" 28	Rent and repairs. Appropriation of $2000 requested; new buildings will not be ready for at least 18 months.	12/8.
	C 1423	" 29	Manchuria Evacuation of, by Russia. Good offices requested by China. List of tels. of ~~Oct~~ 25 and 28 to and from the Dept; reports at length conversation with Prince Ch'ing and Ex's the latters note: and full list of the correspondence between the Chinese Govt. and the Russian legation concerning the conditions required by Russia	12/8.
	C Tel	" 31	Same subject. Reoccupation of Mukden by Russian forces on account of the summary execution of a Chinese bandit surrendered to Chinese authorities by Russia and the subsequent failure of China to comply within five days with the demand of the Russians that the military official, responsible in the case, be put to death.	12/31
	C 1424	Nov 2	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, gives full particulars of the incident as related by an official of the Foreign office, and subsequent conversation with the interpreter of the Vice Roy Chang Chih-tung about the advisability of an appeal to the Powers.	12/9
	C Tel	" 3	Export duty on buffaloes purchased by the Philippine Govt cannot be remitted but will be donated by the Chinese Govt to the fund for Chin. sufferers. Further exportation will not be permitted until after investigation of the needs of Chinese peasantry.	12/3
	C 1425	" 3	Same subject. Ex's list of tels. from to Dept and of notes to and from the F.O.	12/8
	1426	" 3	List of Dept's tels of Nov. 2	12/8
	C 1427	" 4	South. Private matter in Legation's mail. Ack's Circ. of Sept 17; Chinese postage stamps are not affixed to because not recognized by the U.P.U.	
	C	"	Postal arrangement with China. Refers to Desp. 319 of '00 rel to a, and reports willingness on the part of the Chinese Postal Service to resume negotiations.	12/16

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Edwin H Conger Chicago	1428	Nov. 4	Postal rates. Advs. 7/14 and explains that his tel was not meant as a complaint against the Postoffice dept's order.	12/16
C	1429	" 5	Amoy. Charge of selling passports to Chinese made against US Consul at, in the kind of Ballantine at Shanghai. Ends for investigation memorandum account of the trial	12/16.
C	1430	" 9	Foreign Office. Appointment of Na-t'ung as First Vice President of the, vice Wang Wen shao transferred to Board of Revenue and other changes in Chinese service reported	12/16.
C	1431	" 9	Student Interpreters. Report of the fourth examination of the, forwarded	12/16
C	1432	" 11	Claim of Stanton C Peterson. Warrant & voucher in the, returned on a/c of P's death.	12/16
	1433	" 17	Republic of Panama. Recognition by the US. Con's note giving notice of the, as received	1/2
C	1434	" 18	Roman Catholic Missionaries. Intervention of legation against the political influence of, in China requested in enc'd letter from five English and American bishops.	1/2
F.R. 1904 C	1435	" 21	Indemnity Payment of, in silver Con's proposal of Belgian Min. to accept, for sometime to come, the differences between silver and gold to be adjusted and settled later, on condition that gold bonds immediately issue. It is accepted by all the representatives except the Russian who has referred the matter to his Govt	1/2
C	1436	" 21	Claim of Miss abbé G. Chapui. Next payment should be made at 1643 Grand. Los Angeles.	1/2
	1437	" 21	Claims of US. citizens. Returns 42 vouchers duly signed and Con's list of same	1/2
C	1438	" 21	Expenses on account of Tsatsi negotiations. Account & vouchers Encl	1/2
C	1439	" 25	Legation buildings. Transmits accounts for expenditures on new from July 1 to date, and report as progress of work. Refers to 1364.	1/9
C	1440	" 25	Monetary Reform. Con's note to FO. in accordance with "Ins: 719.	1/9
C	1441	" 25	Manchuria. Decree appointing Admiral Alexieff Viceroy of the Extreme Orient Encl. Refers to Ins: 722 and desp 1378.	1/9
C	Tel	" 25	Export of buffaloes. "Chinese Govt says 1000 buffaloes is the utmost that can be spared for the Philippines."	12/23
C	1442	" 25	Same subject. Confirms foregoing and Con's note from FO.	1/9
C	1443	" 27	Bankers' Commission at Shanghai. Arrival of Armstrong and McCoy reported; they will receive every assistance in their work of investigation. Ref 715.	1/9
C	1444	" 28	Guard House and defensive works of the legation. Encl plans submitted by Capt Brewster as this is in violation of the agreement made on signing the 1901 protocol, approval is withheld	1/9
C	1445	" 30	Claim of Bertie Lewis. Warrant & voucher returned. Her address is now in Sacramento.	1/11
	1446	Dec 1	Consular regulations for Student Interpreters requested	1/11
C	1447	" 4	Guard House for legation. Refers to 1444 and Con's plans and specifications that have received the legation's approval	1/11
C	1448	" 5	Monetary Reform. Con's Tuan Ch'ing's answer to note in "1440 It intimates that the question is one for China to decide and adjust, and adds that the matter has been referred to the Bureau of Finance.	1/11
		" 3	Publication "Medical Reports" forwarded	1/11
	1449	" 5	Claims of US. Citizens Transmits 29 signed vouchers. Refers to 1437	1/11
	1450	" 7	Canton. Recognition has been granted to U.C.G. Colgrove	1/29
C	1451	" 8	Fire pump and hose. Authority to purchase, for the protection of the legation, req'd	1/29
C	1452	" 9	Military Bureau. Decree organizing a central, encl.	1/29
C	1453	" 10	Consular privileges. Free entry will be granted for personal effects on Consul's first arrival, on legation applying therefor and furnishing a list of articles.	1/29
C	1454	" 14	Boxer uprising. Record of diplomatic negotiations 1900 & 1902 forwarded	1/29
C	1455	" 17	Claims of Louis McCaslin Consul Gen. at Shanghai instructed in accd^ce with Ins: 732	1/29
	1456	" 17	"731 and	1/29
C	1457	" 17	Currency Reform in China - Acks 729 - On Prof. Jenks' arrival in China facilities will be extended as instd	1/29
C	1458	" 17	Marshal J. E Lewisburg of Cons. Court at Tientsin - Acks Oct. 31 with bond &c.	1/29.
C	Tel	" 19	Treaty of Commerce - Ile - not yet ratified. F.O. promises to hasten matters. I am urging prompt action	1/19
C	1459	" 19	Legation Buildings - Encl's letter from architect Healy showing necessity of additional appropriation of $25,000 for the proper completion of the, and of grounds and water supply - Recommends that additional work be entrusted to Mr. Healy whose work has been excellent - Gives reasons -	1/29
C	1460	" 22	Consular service - Refers to Senate Bill for the reorganization of the, and calls attention to the omission of student interpreters therein, and suggests amendment of bill providing for improvement of that part of the -	1/29
C	1461	" 23	Congress of Lawyers and Jurists at St Louis - Acks Circ Oct 22/03 - Chinese Min in Washington will endeavor to appoint a delegate to the	1/29

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China				
Edwin H. Conger, E.E.M.P.	c Tel.	Dec. 24	Treaty of Commerce - Memorial for ratification of the, has been sent Pekin for signature of viceroy. On its return the Prince promises to present it to the Throne & secure earliest possible ratification; to mail is proof.	12/24
	c 1462	" 26	Difficulty bet. Russia and Japan - little except speculative information obtainable regarding the situation - war not unlikely - unique and critical condition of China in event of war - possibility of China being involved -	2/2
	c 1463	" 26	Treaty of Commerce - ratification being pressed here. Confirms tel's & this of 19th, 20th and 23d inst.	2/2
	c 1464	" 28	Flag - commercial of China - Ref. to this 1413 - China Merchants Steam Navig. Co. allowed to retain its house flag which differs but slightly from the commercial just adopted -	2/2
	c 1465	" 29	Railway Regulations of China - revised - encls copy of the, and copy of note to F.O. on the subject	2/2
	c Tel	" 30	Indemnity - payment of - Brit. Min. by order of his Govt proposes that rate of exchange at which payments will be received by Bankers Commission shall be fixed by public bids (Tel. to this Dept) sales of the stable exchange from time.	12/30
	c Tel	Jan. 1 1904.	Difficulty bet. Russia and Japan - No reliable information regarding negotiations. Russian Chinese negotiations are awaiting result of these - Russia is continually strengthening position in Manchuria. Leading officials say China will remain strictly neutral, but I fear that it is impossible. She is making feeble attempt at military improvements -	1/2
	c 1466	Dec. 30	Indemnity Awards, third instalment. Forwards 17 additional vouchers -	2/2
	c 1467	Jan. 2	Legation Buildings - Encls (original) receipt of J.W. Roberts for $50.24 for shipment of lumber for the new - to be included in y/c for, of Nov. 25/03 -	2/2
	c 1468	" 2	Difficulty bet. Russia and Japan - Ref. to this 1462 and confirms tel. of Dept. dated Dec. 30 and its reply of Jan. 1.	2/2
	c 1469	" 2	Indemnity - payment of, and arbitrary rate of exchange - Confirms tel. of Dec. 30 and copy of note of Brit. Min. & Dean of Dipl. Corps proposing the fixing rate of exchange by public bids -	2/2
Henry J. Fletcher, 2nd Secy Edwin H. Conger, E.E.M.P.	c Tel	" 7	Oath of office sent.	2/20
	c Tel	" 7	Commercial Treaty." F.O. insists all possible has been done for early ratification but Chinese procedure is cumbersome and slow. The treaty goes to the Emperor a second time to morrow and should be ready for mailing very soon."	1/7
	c Tel	" 9	Same subject." Chinese Govt will ratify and send the original Treaty signed by us on Oct. 8th with especial instructions to Chinese Min. in Washr. to exchange ratifications. Will this be satisfactory? Any other procedure will cause great delay."	1/9
	c 1470	" 9	Water supply for legation. Encl's report of Bartley Willis on possibility of obtaining an abundant and wholesome, account vouched by a map of Peking and surrounding country. As to what steps of legation be conveyed to Carnegie Institution.	2/20
	c Tel.	" 12	Difficulty between Russia and Japan. Neutrality of China has been urged by Japanese Minister upon Prince Ch'ing who promises to do everything possible in that direction.	1/12
	1471	" 13	Rent account from July 11 to Dec 7/03 transmitted.	2/20
	c 1472	" 13	Legation new Buildings. Accounts of further expenditures transd Rt to 1439.	2/20
	c Tel	" 12	Commercial Treaty." Original Treaty signed in Shanghai ratified in due form with no change in English text has been delivered to me. I will forward it to you in Legation pouch tomorrow. Please telegraph when China's copy delivered to Chinese Minister and Treaty proclaimed by the President.	
	c	"	Japanese Treaty." Ratifications Japanese Treaty exchanged here yesterday."	2/12
	c Tel	" 13	Commercial treaty." Have mailed you the treaty to day."	2/13
	c 1473	" 13	Same subject. Ratified copy of the treaty forwarded. Text of tels. with the Dept and correspondence with F.O. Enclosed.	2/20
	c 1474	" 13	Difficulty between Russia and Japan. Confirms tel of Jan 12 and transmits reports of Russian preparations for war. Contract for additional barracks at Port Arthur made with the American firm of Clarkson & Co.	2/20
	c Tel	" 14	The treaty was ratified by China January 10th."	2/14
	c 1475	" 15	Foreign office. Appointment of Wu Ting fang to be Second Secretary of the Board of Foreign office, by transfer with Martin, who becomes 1st Vice President of Board of Commerce	2/29
	c Tel	" 15	Detail of Military Attaché Capt Brewster to accompany Russian Army in case of war recommended.	2/15
	c 1476	" 19	Confirms the foregoing and dwells on Capt. Brewster's qualifications.	2/29
	c Tel	" 17	Exposition of St Louis. Inquiring of the Chinese Govt whether the President will grant an audience to Prince P'u-lun, a Commissioner to the, who also bears an autograph letter.	2/17
	c 1477	" 19	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, gives reasons why the request was made and should be complied with, if possible.	2/29

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Edwin H. Conger, Minister		1478	Jan 20	Exposition of St Louis. Notice of intended visit of officials and students from the Province of Szechuen	2/29
	c	1479	" 20	Commercial Treaty. Ratifications of the Emi's text of tel. with Dept and correspondence with Chinese Foreign office relative to the; reports his action and Chinese reply in regard to the prompt opening of Mukden and Antung.	2/29
		1480	" 21	Text of Dept's tel. of Jan. 20.	2/29
		1481	" 22	Claims of U.S. citizens Emi's signed vouchers in the claims of Rachel R. Penn.	2/29
	c	Tel	" 21	Contract of the American China Development Co. violation of Art 17. Sheng's complains that control is passing wholly into Belgian hands. Asks that Parsons be advised	2/29
	c	1482	" 22	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and comments unfavorably on the policy of the Co	2/29
		1483	" 23	Cipher Code, Blue. Duplicate copy of the, requested. Refers to 1229.	2/29
		Tel	" 23	Exposition of St Louis. "Anxiously awaiting reply to my tel. of 17th"	2/25
F.R. '04	c	Tel	" 25	Immigration Treaty, denounced. "Chinese Govt have given formal notice which I forward by mail, that our immigration Treaty will terminate Dec. 7th next, as provided for in Art 6."	2/25
F.R. '04	c	1484	" 25	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and Emi's note from FO.	3/8.
	c	Tel	" 26	Student Interpreters for Consulates at Mukden, Antung and Hakow. "In reply to your tel. of the 23d., Haskins, Arnold and Cloud"	2/26.
	c	1485	" 26	Same subject. Text of tels. from and to Dept.	3/8
		1486	" 26	Text of tels of Feb. 24 and 25 to and from Dept	3/8
	c	1487	" 28	Shanghai. Charges of malfeasance and embezzlement against Consul General Goodnow and Marshal Derby filed in the legation. Statement of; renews recommendation of investigation made in "1231	3/8
	c	1488	" 28	Convention between Russia and China, supplementary to the Treaty of March 1898 and referred to in "1423. Text of, cited, as instructed in Mrs. 739 (Chase of Port Arthur) by Emi	3/8
	c	1489	" 28	Army of China. Decree ordering the increase of strength and efficiency of the, cited	3/8
	c	Tel	" 28	Difficulty between Russia and Japan. Informal steps taken by Chinese officials to induce mediation by France Gr. Britain and the U.S. reported. French Minister alone holds out some encouragement and China decides not to make a formal request unless positively assured that France will take the initiative.	3/8.
	c	1490	" 30	Same subject Confirms the foregoing and reports conversations with officials referred to above	3/8
	c	Tel	Feb 2	Immigration Treaty. "Confidential. Chinese Govt, since serving notice of Treaty termination, suggests extension of the treaty for not more than one year if your desire and feasible plan can be devised. Would it not be better to begin negotiations for a new treaty some time next summer to be concluded after Nov. 8th? Advise me."	2/2
	c	1491	" 4	Ports regulations of Canton, pursuant by the Amendm Corps and Chinese Commissioner of Customs cited; dip. corps has approved them with two slight changes	3/26.
	c	1492	" 6	New-chwang. Application of Consul Miller for promotion Emi's and recommends	3/26.
	c	1493	" 6	Monetary reform Commission. Audience by the Emperor for Prof Jenks has been asked as instructed by tel. and will take place after the Chinese New Year's	3/26
	c	1494	" 6	Immigration Treaty. Confirms tel. of Feb 2 and reports interview with Wu Ting fang	3/26
	c	1495	" 6	Exposition at St Louis. Notice of the intended visit of officials of the Province of Szechuen to the, Emi's. Refers to 1478.	3/26
	c	1496	" 6	Indemnity under the protocol of 1901. Payments and rates. Refers to 1469 and Emi's letter from the Manager of the Netherlands Trading Co suggesting that bids be invited at fixed intervals for the remittance of, by banks	3/26
	c	Tel 1497	" 8	Counsel of legation. There is no one at Peking available to serve as, but the scheme appears to be advisable and should receive the approval of Congress.	3/26
		1498	" 10	Congress of electricity at St Louis. Invitation has been referred to Chinese Govt. at the St Louis Exposition.	3/26
	c	Tel	" 10	Imukden and Antung. "Exequaturs for Cheshire and Davidson exequaturs are granted"	2/10
	c	1499	" 10	Same subjects. Confirms the foregoing.	3/26
F.R. '04	c	Tel	" 10	War between Russia and Japan. Neutrality of China. In view of the occupation of places in Chihli by their troops and the danger of a flight of the envoys from Peking Ministers of England France, Germany and Italy have asked their respective Govts to suggest to the belligerents that they agree not to send any troops into Chihli.	3/10.

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F.R. '04 Edwin H. Conger Ems	1500	Feb. 10	War between Russia and Japan. (Informs tel. of this date and sends text of tel. sent by foreign representatives; assurances have been received from the F.O. that the Court will remain at Peking.	3/22.
F.R. '04 C Tel		" 11	Same subject. "Your tel. of 10th recd and instructions complied with. Russian and Japanese Ministers yesterday handed declaration of war to the Chinese Govt. It will issue proclamation of neutrality at once."	2/11.
C 1501		" 12	Authentication by U.S. Consuls of health certificates of emigrants to Hawaii. "741 emigrants left 3/26.	
F.R. '04 C Tel		" 13	War between Russia and Japan." Imperial declaration of neutrality issued yesterday."	2/13.
F.R. '04 C 1502		" 13	Same subject. Text of tel. from and ~~to~~ note to F.O., ~~text of~~ the edict proclaiming the neutrality of China, of a note from F.O. defining the position of China and another concerning the attitude of foreign troops in Chihli.	3/26.
F.R. '04 C 1503		" 13	Protection of Japanese at Newchwang by U.S. Consul. Assent of Chinese govt to the, given	3/26.
F.R. '04 C Tel		" 14	War between Russia and Japan." Miller telegraphs that all Japanese people residing Newchwang from the interior and trying to leave Manchuria are arrested and taken to Port Arthur. Jap. Min. is informing his government that the matter may be in some way presented to St Petersburg."	2/14.
F.R. '04 C 1504		" 15	Same subject. Formal assurances rec'd that the Court has no purpose to leave Peking. Enc's note from F.O. and edict censuring the Censor for presenting a memorial on the subject.	3/26.
F.R. '04 C 1505		" 15.	Same subject. Neutrality of China. Enc's note from F.O. embodying edict of Feb 12	3/26
C 1506		" 16	Books for legation. List of books purchased and of those desired Enc's. Rts 700.	3/26.
F.R. '04 C 1507		" 17	War between Russia and Japan. Neutrality regulations published by the Chinese Government Encl.	3/26
F.R. '04 C 1508		" 17	Same subject. Enc's note from F.O. expressing appreciation of the position assumed on the neutrality of China.	3/26
F.R. '04 C 1509		" 18	Same subject. Reply of Russia to proposal regarding neutrality of China. Encs text of Min's tel. of Feb 19 and note communicating information to the Chinese Govt	4/6.
C Tel.		" 19	Legation new buildings." Bid for interior finish etc. just rec'd. Healy thinks it very much too high and advises rejection and readvertising. This would postpone completion of buildings until 1906. Would it not be better if additional appropriation can be secured to accept this bid than to continue to long the expenses of Architect, other unavoidable expenditures, risk of fire &c the only other alternative is to finish interior with cheap Chinese material. Early reply necessary."	2/19
C 1510		" 20	Same subject. Text of tel. correspondence with the Dept on the subject	4/6
C 1511		" 20	Audience to the Diplomatic Corps on the Chinese New Year's Day, Feb 20. Enc's text of address delivered by him, in the absence of the dean, and the Empress' reply.	4/6.
C 1512		" 23	Monetary reform Commission. Reception of Prof. Jenks of the Enc's text of Prof. Jenks' address and Emperor's reply.	4/6
C 1513		" 24	Official New year's call of the diplomatic Corps at the F.O. reported.	4/6
Tel		" 23	Meeting of Military Surgeons. Asks when it will be held and whether China must be invited. Refers to 1292.	2/23
1514		" 24	Same subject. Text of tels. to and from Dept	4/6
C 1515		" 24	Roman Catholic Missionaries. Enc's. letters from and to Anglican bishops as mis'd in 747	4/6.
C 1516		" 24	Student Interpreters. Gratifying progress shown at the annual examination.	4/6
1517		" 24	Postal Conventions of Washington. Acs. of these has been communicated to Chinese Govt	4/6
1518		" 24	Exposition. Lewis and Clark Centennial. Invitation of Govt has been delivered	4/6
C 1519		" 25	Salaries of Chinese writers of legation. Increase of, recommended.	4/6.
F.R. '04 C Tel		" 24	Protection of Japanese. Miller telegraphs that Russian authorities refuse him information concerning Japanese subjects or permission for representatives to interview them."	2/24
C 1520		" 26	Same subject. Enc's text of tels. to and from Dept on the. Jap. Min. says that all Japanese subjects are at present safely out of Manchuria; refusal complained of by Consul Miller may have been caused by some excessive demand on his part	4/6
1521		" 27	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Indemnity vouchers (form) returned duly signed.	4/6
F.R. '04 C 1522		" 27	War between Russia and Japan. Neutrality of China. Enc's reply to Chinese F.O. note in #1509.	4/6
F.R. '04 C 1523	Enc 1		Same subject. Proclamation, in Chinese, issued by Viceroy Alexieff - Encl.	4/6.

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Edwin H. Conger, Min.	C. 1524	Mar 1.	Immigration Treaty. Notice of termination of. Min's tels. of Feb 11, 1904. and reports interview with Prince Ch'ing who was urged to withdraw the notice	4/6.
	C 1525	" 1	Flag, mercantile, of China. Refers to Nos 1413 and 1464 and reports further changes in the	4/6.
	C 1526	" 2	Protection of Panamanian interests by U.S. Consular officers accorded by Chinese Govt. with the reservation that these officers will not act as Consuls of Panama until Treaty relations shall have been established between the two countries.	4/6.
	C 1527	" 4	War between Russia and Japan. Newspaper correspondents will not be allowed to accompany the Russian Army unless recommended to the Min for Fds by their respective Governments. Encs note of Russian Consul at Newchwang to his colleagues	4/6
F.R. '04	C Tel.	" 4	Same subject. "In order to preserve order according to Chinese neutrality proclamation 18000 Chinese troops have been sent to the border of Manchuria. It was originally intended to send some of them into that part of Manchuria already surrendered to China but because of the opposition of Russia they will be kept on this side of the Manchurian border."	5/4
F.R. '04	C 1528	" 4	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. Russian representative insists that the whole of Manchuria is excluded from the neutral zone. Reports such information concerning the progress of the war as reaches Peking	4/6
F.R. '04	C 1529	" 5	Visit of Prince Fushimi to the United States. The Prince left Mar 4 and expects to arrive in the US about Apl 20	4/25
	C 1530	" 7	Publications. Exchange of. Request of Smithsonian Institution in No 746 is receiving the consideration of the proper officials. Encs notes to & from F.O.	4/25
	C Tel	" 7	Rice. Exportation of, to the Philippines cannot be permitted by the Chinese Govt. because of short crop and existing price.	4/7
	C 1531	" 7	Same subject. Text of tels. from and to Dept and of notes to & from F.O.	4/25
	C 1532	" 8	Exposition of St Louis. Wu Hsien-pin appointed additional delegate by the Vice Roy of Szechuen.	4/25
	C 1533	" 8	Claim of Henry Olin Cady. Transmits voucher of payment of the	4/20
	C 1534	" 10	Claim of C. J. Lundquist. Ans's No 751 and reports that the Christian Missionary Alliance had already been informed that the claim had not been filed in the Legation	4/25
F.R. '04	C 1535	" 11	War between Russia and Japan. Neutrality of China. Encs note from F.O. relative to the shipment of flour to Manchuria being prohibited as an article declared to be contraband of war by both belligerents.	4/25
	C Tel	" 10	Exposition of St Louis. Complaint of the Chinese Govt that its passports are declared defective transmitted; endorses its request that technicalities be waived and that Chinese exhibitors and visitors be more liberally treated	3/10
	C 1536	" 12	Port Regulations of Canton. Encs in 1491 have been adopted and should now be in force	4/28
	1537	" 15	Exposition of St Louis. Encs F.O's ack'gt of invitation of the Dowager of Lady Managers	4/25
	1538	" 15	Knicken. Application has been made for the recognition of F.A. Cheshire as Consul	4/25
	1539	" 15	Antung. Same report as to J. W. Davidson as Consul at	4/25
	C 1540	" 15	Exposition of St Louis. Complaint of Chinese Govt rel. to difficulties met by Chinese exhibitors and visitors to the. Ref to tel. of Mar 10 and Encs note from F.O.	4/28
F.R. '04	C Tel	" 15	War between Russia and Japan. Neutrality of China. "Your cipher tel. of the 12th inst. for F.A. grateful for friendly interest of latter. says China is determined to maintain neutrality and that provocation will not be furnished either belligerent.	4/28
F.R. '04	C 1541	" 15	Same subject. Encs text of tels from and to Dept and reports conversation with Prince Ching	4/25
	C 1542	" 18	Trial jumps for legation. accounts and vouchers forwarded	4/27
	C 1543	" 21	Congress of lawyers and jurists at St Louis. Cao Jun-ch'i and Sun Shih-i, 2nd and 3d Secs of legation at Washington have been appointed delegates to the.	4/27
F.R. '04	C 1544	" 20	Mining Regulations of the Province of Shensi, and protest of the legation against the exclusion of foreigners and foreign capital in violation of the Treaty Encl. The English and German Ministers have taken similar action.	4/27
	C 1545	" 22	Knicken and Antung. application has been made for the recognition of Haskins and Cloud as U.S.A. Con's at	4/27
	1546	" 22	Publications. Customs Gazette, in 1892. Duplicates forwarded	4/27
	C 1547	" 23	Currency Reform. Encs approved memorials providing for the sale of offices and the creation of a National Bank	4/27

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Edwin H. Conger, E&MP	1548	Mar 25	Directory and Chronicle for China and Japan 1904. forwarded	4/27
C	Tel	" 24.	Newchwang. Muller urges that gunboat should be retained near Newchwang to take away Americans in case of battle. I have not so advised, because of embarrassing position of our ship in such event and of its inability to aid in case of river obstructions sure to be placed by Russians. I have cabled Admiral to use his own judgment."	3/4.
C	1549	" 25	Confirms the foregoing.	5/7
C	Tel	" 25	"Chinese Secretary of legation must have assistance. I earnestly recommend Hoskins be detailed as assistant and Clowe replace him in Consular service."	3/25
C	1550	" 26	Same subject. Confirms above and gives reasons for his recommendations.	5/7
C	Tel	" 28	Protection of Americans at Newchwang "Ten Americans at Newchwang including four correspondents have petitioned for retention of war vessel near there. What shall I reply?"	3/28.
C	1551	" 28	Same subject Confirms the foregoing and Em's petition therein referred to.	5/7
C	Tel.	" 28	Chinese Secretary's assistant". Your tel. of the 26th. Hoskins has been instructed to assist Williams, Clowe to act Vice Cal. Mansfield. Have requested temporary augmentation Chinese and Commission."	3/28.
C	1552	" 28	Confirms the foregoing.	5/7
C	1553	" 28.	Trade marks, patents and Copyrights. Em's note to F.O. requesting enforcement of the treaty provisions rel to the protection of, and reply to the effect that rules and regulations are being prepared by the Board of Commerce	5/7
F. R. '04 C	Tel	" 29	War between Russia and Japan." Your tel. of the 26th. A few Japanese officers for the past two years have been employed with Chinese Army as instructors and translators, but I creditably am informed that the number has not been recently increased and none have been given commands."	3/29
C	Tel	" 29	Same subject: "Russians have proclaimed martial law at Newchwang formally notifying foreigners."	3/29
C	1554	" 30	Fiscal, administrative and military reforms. Em's plan of Sir Robert Hart for.	5/7
F. R. '04 C	1555	" 30.	War between Russia and Japan Japanese Officers in Chinese Army. Confirms and completes telegram of Mar 29.	5/7
C	1556	" 31	Fee for filing papers in legation and issuing certificates of the fact to applicants. Asks whether it is to be considered as official or unofficial.	5/7
C	1557	April 1	War between Russia and Japan Martial law at Newchwang. Confirms tel of Mar 29 and Em's Vice Roy Alexieff's proclamation.	5/7
C	1558	" 1	Exposition of St Louis. Photographs of the legation for the, cannot be procured	5/7
C	1559	" 1	War between Russia and Japan. Russian Notice that neutral ships must show their colors when challenged and carry lights at night said.	5/7.
	1560	" 2	Claims of Am Citizens. Vouchers, signed and unsigned, returned.	5/7
C	1561	" 4	Immigration Treaty. Refers to 1524 and reports further efforts to induce Prince Ch'ing to withdraw the notice of termination.	5/18
C	1562	" 5	Western Union Code has been duly received and held at the disposal of anyone desiring to use it. Rts 765.	5/15
C	1563	" 5	Legation New buildings. Account and vouchers for expenses, and reports of Architect Brely as progress of the work and requirements for the future Em's; urges necessity of additional appropriation.	5/18
F. R. '04 C	Tel	" 5	Arrest of Washburne and Little "American correspondents Newchwang were released yesterday; their Japanese servants held as prisoners of war."	4/5
F. R. '04 C	Tel	" 7	Same subject. "Russian authorities Newchwang refuse to release Jap servants of Washburn and Little who are blameless. I advise presenting question St Petersburg."	4/7
C	1564	" 7	Same subject Text of tels. from and to Dept.	5/15
C	Tel	" 7	War between Russia and Japan "Russian authorities Newchwang notify Miller that mines have been placed in river but neutral ships will be conducted in and out safely."	4/7
C	1565	" 7	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and Em's notice therein referred to	5/18.
C	Tel	" 8	Legation new buildings. Tell Allison additional appropriation new legation is indispensable and of vital importance to American prestige and interests."	4/8.

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Ernest N. Conger	Ltr	1566	Apl 8	Text of tel. of this date to Dept	5/8
	C Tel		" 8	Amoy Swatow and Antung "Cheshire and Davidson are here. Their posts are in the midst of active military operations, Antung in probable early battle area. Their proceeding thither at present would probably greatly annoy Russians who will possibly turn them back. They are very anxious to proceed. Warship will be necessary to convey Davidson. Cannot attitude of Russia be quickly ascertained at St Petersburg before taking risk of their being turned back. Please cable definite instructions.	4/8
	C	1567	" 8	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and gives his reasons for believing that their going to their posts would be inadvisable	5/8
		1568	" 9	Text of tel. of Mar 30 from Dept	5/8
	C	1569	" 11	Indemnity Payments under the protocol of 1901. Russia objects to English proposal tending to fix the rate of exchange by public bids and adheres to present mode. Refers to 1469 and 1496 and encs note from Russian Minister	5/14
	C	1570	" 12	Chinese Certificates. List of officials authorized to issue, Encs. Rts Circ. of Jan 19.	5/31
	C	Tel	" 12	Amoy and Antung. "I have temporarily assigned Cheshire to duty here and Davidson at Shanghai."	4/12
	C	1571	" 12	Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept	5/31
	C	1572	" 12	Fee, assessment, charged by Chinese officials at Canton for passports issued to teachers and evangelists going to Hawaii. Encs report of Consul McWade on the subject. Rts 742.	5/31
	C	1573	" 13	Congress of Military Surgeons at St Louis. Invitation has been referred to Superintendents of Trade. Rts Circ of Feb 20.	5/31
	C	1574	" 13	Library Conference. Chinese delegates will be appointed by the Legation at Washington	5/31
		1575	" 14	Publications. Trade Returns forwarded	5/31
		1576	" 15	Publications. Medical Reports. forwarded	5/31
	C	1577	" 16	Chinese National Bank. Refers to 1547, encloses regulations for the conduct of the, and gives names of officers appointed to manage it.	5/31
	C	1578	" 16	Portrait of the Empress Dowager, by Miss Catherine A. Carl, has been shipped to the Exposition of St Louis and will be eventually presented to the Govt. Note Encl	5/31
	C	1579	" 18	Student Interpreters. Standing of, as shown at the Examination for first quarter.	5/31
	C	1580	" 19	Claims of U.S. citizens. Vouchers (37) encs; returns warrants in the names of Frances B. Patterson and W. F. Walker. Miss Frances A Wilson has not yet received 3rd instalment	5/31
	C	Tel	" 20	Embargo on tin plate and tea lead. "Prince Govt refuses American Trading Co permission to ship from Shanghai to its branch in Yokohama tin plate and tea lead considering them contraband. This seems to me an exaggerated construction. Please cable your opinion and instruction."	4/20.
	C	1581	" 20	Legation new buildings. Laying of corner stone by Mrs Conger reported. Encs speeches of Architect Healy, Minister Conger and list of articles placed in the cornerstone	6/1
	C	1582	" 20	Immigration Treaty. Termination of the. Chinese Govt. cannot be swerved from its purpose, Wu ting fang responsible for this decision Encs corresp with F.O.	6/1
		1583	" 22	Newspapers for legation. Washington Post and San Francisco Chronicle requested	6/1
		1584	" 22	Publication Light houses and buoys. transmitted	6/1
		1585	" 25	772 and 774	6/1
		1586	" 25	Chefoo. Recognition granted Consul General Fowler	6/1
	C	1587	" 25	Assistant Chinese Secretary. Renews recommendation for the appointment of Thos W. Haskins as. Ass't. 775.	6/1
	C	1588	" 26	Petroleum. duties on, and its products. transmits information called for in Circ of Mar 4.	6/1
	C	1589	" 27	Inspection of Consulates. at Sec'y Peirce's request, Citizen. Cheshire has been assigned by the legation to the duty of assisting in the.	6/2
		1590	" 27	Passport refusal cards. Circular of Mar 24 last	6/1
		1591	" 28	Coinage Report forwarded, as directed by Circ of Jan 22	6/6
F. R. '04	C	Tel	" 28	Arrest of Washburne and Little. "Japanese servants of Washburn and Little have been released and arrived Chefoo to-day."	4/29.
John Gardner Wolfe	Ltr		" 28	Leave of 60 days requested	5/6

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Edwin H Conger, Envoy	1592	Apl 29	Land purchased by U.S. Squires in the legations' quarters. Enc's original deeds of the various lots, with amount for each. Rets 7/1.	6/6.
	1593	May 2	Cypher Code. Enc's receipt for Blue Books #3 and returns old book #24. Rets 7/80	6/6.
C	1594	" 2	Congress of Good Roads. Chinese delegates will be appointed by the legation at Washington.	6/6
C	1595	" 2	Congress of Education. Same as above	6/6
C	1596	" 4	Application of 2nd Secy Henry S. Fletcher for appointment to a Secretaryship. Enc with his recommendation.	6/6
C	Tel	" 4	War between Russia and Japan. "Your tels about neutrality. Chinese Govt reiterates its promise of strict observance"	5/4.
C	1597	" 4	Same subject. Confirms foregoing, reports interviews with Min. Wai Wu Pu and certain acts of the Russian Min. and military authorities which may lead China into violation of her promises.	6/6.
	1598	" 4	Test of tel. of Apl 28 to the Dept	6/6
C	Tel	" 4	Portrait of the Empress Dowager to be presented to U.S. at close of the St Louis Exposition whither it is sent on exhibit will arrive in San Francisco May 28.	5/4.
C	Tel	" 4	Antung. "Shall Genl Corbin proceed to Antung. I advise waiting until the permanence of Japan's occupation is reasonably demonstrated and Japan's wishes are known."	5/4.
C	1599.	" 5	Legation new buildings will now be completed according to Architect Healy's design and be the best work ever done in China. Ans's Dept's tel.	6/20
C	1600	" 11	Antung. Dearborn has been instructed to remain at Shanghai until further orders. Gives reasons why this is deemed the better course	6/20
C	Tel	" 11	Embargo on tea, plate and tea lead. "Your cipher tel April 21st Shipment of tea plate and tea lead now permitted."	5/11
C	1601	" 11	Same subject. Text of tels to and from Dept and notes to and from F.O. Encls Embargo was laid because the Russian Military Agent at Shanghai regarded these articles as probable contraband; similar action regarding tobacco and cigarettes reported	6/20
	1602	" 11	Text of tel. of May 4 to the Dept	6/20
F.R. '04 C	1603	" 12	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. The German Govt. has appointed its Consul General at Shanghai as a member of the board and engineer Schellhaas as a substitute; requests instructions as to having an American substitute appointed, altho' there is no provision to that effect in the Regulations. Chinese Govt is to appoint its member and the 3rd, but may not keep its promise.	6/20.
C	Tel	" 12	Cipher telegrams from Irenchow ang prohibited by Russian authorities.	5/12
C	1604	" 12	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, the measure which applies not only to the U.S. Consul but all messages may be justified on military grounds; action however can only be taken at St Petersburg	6/20
	Tel	" 12	Passport blanks, 100, requested.	
	1605	" 12	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and requests a further supply of 200	6/20.
C	1606	" 13	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Vouchers (9) returned duly signed	6/20
F.R. '04 C	1607	" 14	Mining Regulations, revised. Text of tel. Encl. They are not practicable and protests have been filed by the Govs. German and British legations note to F.O. Encl.	6/20
C	Tel	" 14	War between Russia and Japan "Jap. Min. by direction of his Govt yesterday again urged upon Prince Ch'ing the necessity of China's preserving the strictest neutrality. The Prince replied that it could and would be done and he should instruct by tel. the Chinese Ministers to so inform foreign Governments.	
F.R. '04 C	1608	" 16	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, and Enc's note from F.O. reiterating assurances of strict neutrality. Rumor of violation appear to be exerted if not actually propagated by the French and German legations.	6/20.
F.R. '04 C	Tel	" 18	Ports opened to foreign trade. "Imperial decree 17th opens Chinanfu, Shantung, to foreign trade"	6/18
F.R. '04 C	1609	" 17	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and Enc's note from F.O. making the announcement not only that Chinanfu, but also Wei-hsien and Chow Tsun are opened; Chinanfu is the capital of Shantung and the U.S. should have a Consular representative there	6/20.

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Edwin H Conger, Ebell.	1610	May 17	Yuechwang. Recognition has been granted Consul General Miller	6/20
C	1611	" 17	Standard Time. Transmits information requested in Desp. of Mar 26	6/20
C	1612	" 19	Exposition of St Louis. Photos of the legation for the, forwarded	6/20
C	1613	" 19	Audience to the Dipl. Corps given at the Summer Palace on May 9.	6/20
	1614	" 19	Telegram	6/20
F.R.'04 C	1615	" 24	War between Russia and Japan. Neutrality of China. Emp's edict reasserting the and enjoining upon the people to carry on their business without heed to rumors	6/27
C	1616	" 25	Reforms in China. Emp's secret edict empowered & have been issued by the Vice Roy of Nanking to prohibit the purchase, sale and reading of a number of books advocating	6/27
F.R.'04 C	1617	" 25	War between Russia and Japan. Emp's Japanese proclamation posted in all places in Manchuria occupied by the Japanese forces.	6/27
	1618.	" 25	Hankow. Recognition has been granted to Amos L. Sarle as Vice Consul Gen at	6/27
C	1619	" 26	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Vouchers of final payment (16) sent	6/27
C	1620	" 26	Indemnity. Bankers' Commission. Refs. "788 and remarks that the legation has not yet had notice of the appointment of John Dickinson Longmire as U.S. delegate	6/27
C	1621	" 30	Red Cross Society. Decree appropriating 10000 taels from the Private Treasury Encl	6/27
C	1622	" 30	War between Russia and Japan. Two copies of Chinese Neutrality Proclamation (one)	6/27
C	1623	" 30	Indebtedness of Student Interpreter Cloud. Emp's Co's reply to A&O Longman's complaint in Desp. 781.	6/27
C	1624	" 31	Pure Food Congress, St Louis. Chinese Min. at Wash authorized to appt's delegates &c.	7/21
C	1625	" 31	Dental Congress, St Louis " " " " " " " "	7/21
C	1626	June 1	Protection of Am. Trade-Marks, Patents & Copyrights. Gives an acct of the correspondence with Chinese Govt in re & states that it has made some regulations concerning trade-marks but that patents & copyrights will be considered later	7/21
	1627	" 2	Visits of For. War vessels to U.S. ports. Refs Circ of March 2nd	7/21
C	1628	" 2	Port regulations of Canton. Encls, final, corrected copy of, & note fr For Off. that they have been put in operation	Rec'd 9/1 with 9/24
C	1629	" 7	Indemnity, Bankers Commission arbitrary rates of exchange &c. Refers to Dispt 785 States having referred matter to Dipl. Corps. Encls. letter of his to the Dean of Dipl Corps & opinion that nothing can be accomplished in re, except by instructions by each Govt to its representative, directly.	7/21
F.R.'04 C	Tel	" 8	Murder of Louis L. Etzel. "Louis Etzel killed in junk at sea by Chinese soldiers; body now at Pien Chwang, expecting further information fr. Miller."	
F.R.'04 C	1630	" 8	Conservancy of the Whangpu. Encloses draft of regulations by Chinese Govt: also opinions of Germ & British ministers joined by all other ministers except the French, who is suspected of opposing the scheme.	7/21
C	1631	" 10	American-China Development Co. States that a certain Chinese official has recommended annulment of contract of the to build Hankow-Canton Ry. notwithstanding Depts note of May 11th to Chinese Min. Reports having formally notified Ch. Govt of U.S. position in re	7/21
C	1632	" 11	Russo-Japanese War. Encls. extract from Chinese newspaper conc. blockade by Japs. of the lower portion of the Liaotung Peninsula	7/21
	1633	" 13	Publication. Customs Gazette Jan-Mar 1904 transmitted. Refers to 1546	7/21
	1634	" 13	Antung. Recognition of Fredk. D. Cloud as Vice & Dpty Cons. at reported	7/21
C	1635	" 13	70th Birthday of Empress Dowager. Instructions as to manner of congratulation requested	7/21
C	1636	" 13	Extraterritorial Rights. Reports that the so-called Lepas prisoners have been sentenced by the Mixed Court at Shanghai & have been sent to Municipal jail to serve out sentences	7/21
	1637	" 17	Circular of April 30 acknd.	7/30
C	1638	" 22	Claims of U.S. Citizens. Vouchers (Post-Friedstrom) sent in final settlement of the.	
C		"	Chinese Post Office. Efficiency of the, commended	7/30
C	Tel	" 20	Murder of Louis L. Etzel. "Miller investigation and coroner's inquiry just rec'd show Etzel killed on Chinese junk ten miles at sea by criminal carelessness of Chinese soldiers pretending to be hunting pirates and probably not knowing that foreigners were on board. Chinese investigation shows substantially the same. Will demand appropriate punishment corporal in charge of the soldiers who led and directed the firing and of the general to whose undisciplined command he belonged, from whom he received his orders, leaving question of indemnity open for your instructions thereon. Full report by mail."	

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F.R. '04 Edwin H. Conger, Envoy	C 1639	June 22	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Encs note from the F.O. submitting proposal of the Viceroy of Nanking that China assume the direction and costs of the works and his reply presenting objections thereto, subject to the decision of the Legation	7/20
	C 1640	" 22	Consular invoices in German leased territory. Inquiry of German minister whether German authorities or an American resident at Tsingtao might not certify, submitted	
	C	"	Amianfu Establishment of a Consulate of the U.S. at, recommended	7/30
	C 1641	" 23	Amnesty for political offenders on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Empress Dowager's birthday. Encs decree proclaiming; quies names and antecedents of the three leaders of reform excepted from the amnesty	7/30
	C 1642	" 24	Agent of the Chinese Army. Encs letter from W. J. H. Neal asking whether one E. F. English is authorized to offer appointments of officer in the Chinese Army	7/30
	C 1643	" 24	Trade Marks. Text of regulations for the registration of, submitted by the Chinese Govt. Legation has reserved its final answer	7/30
F.R. '04	C 1644	" 25	Murder of Louis L. Etzel. Confirms telegraphic correspt. with Dept. Encs Copy of report of Brig. Gen. Miller and copy of corresp. with Foreign Office and reports conference with Prince Ch'ing on the subject.	8/12
	C 1645	" 27	Imperial Edict urging economy in official expenditures, encloses.	8/12
	C 1646	" 30	Geographic Congress (8th International) Encs Dept's May 11th. and states invitation has been extended and reply recd. that Minister at Washington would be directed to give matter attention	8/12
	C Tel	July 3	Mail for new Chwang. Referring to Dept offer of May 12 strongly urges that the, be sent via China.	7/3
F.R. '04	C Tel	" 5	Murder of Louis Etzel. "Chinese Govt proposes to punish corporal in charge of soldiers who killed Etzel with five years' imprisonment, cashier District Commander and give family 25000 Mex. dollars. I recommend acceptance. Please instruct."	7/5
F.R. '04	C 1647	" 6	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, gives reasons why offer should be accepted, and Encs letters from and to executors of Etzel's estate rel. to their demand of $60000 gold	8/19
	1648	" 6	Passport Returns for June quarter encl	8/17
	C 1649	" 7	Legations' quarter in Peking. Refers to 1187 and Encs text of agreement and regulations finally accepted by all representatives. Recommends approval	8/19
	C 1650	" 7	Fate or whereabouts of Enrique Chavion Solis. No trace of the man can be found. Refs to 779	8/19
	C 1651	" 7	Disturbances in Kwangsi province have been complicated by a mutiny of the troops at Lin Chow fu. Notwithstanding measures taken by Chinese Govt the movement may develop into open rebellion. Encs notes to & from F.O.	8/19
	C 1652	" 7	Protest of the American China Development Co against establishment of a native Ry Co in Hunan. Chinese Govt replies that the Co's contract is not violated by the building of a railway by the gentry and merchants of Hunan	8/19
	1653	" 7	Text of tel. of July 3 to Dept	8/19
	C 1654	" 8	Consular Invoices in German leased territory. Refers to 1640 and Encs translation note from German Minister.	8/19
	1655	" 8	Translator for legation, San Francisco Chronicle has not been received for some weeks.	8/19
	C Tel	" 9	Translating. "Chushin assigned translating during Martin's absence. Starts today."	7/9
	C 1656	" 9	Confirms the foregoing.	8/19
	C Tel	" 9	Shanghai. "Have assigned Arnold Shanghai as Deputy."	7/9
	C 1657	" 9	Same subject Text of tels. from and to Dept.	8/19
	C Tel	" 9	Whereabouts of Wm Reese Reber. "Last September Reber was in Shanghai proceeding to Canton to be employed on Canton Hankow Ry. Have no information since."	7/9
	C 1658	" 12	Assistant Chinese Secretary. Recommends Haskins for permanent appointment as, and asks on whom drafts for salary shall be made	8/19
F.R. '04	C Tel	" 12	Murder of Louis L. Etzel. "Etzel case. Punishment edict issued and money paid Ragsdale to be transmitted to family."	9/12
F.R. '04	C 1659	" 13	Same subject. Encs correspondence with F.O. rel to reparation accorded in the case	9/19
	C 1660	" 14	Water supply for the legation. Reports and recommends acceptance of a proposal for an artesian well at a cost not to exceed $3000 Mexican	8/19
	C 1661	" 15	Legation's new buildings. Accounts, Architect's reports and contracts forwarded	8/19

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Edwin H. Conger, Envoy Ex. & Min. Plen.	1662	July 15.	Returns to temporary permits. Accounts & vouchers forwarded	8/19
	1663	" 16	Text of tels of July 12 & 15 to & from dept	8/19
	1664	" 16	Text of tels of July 8 and 9 from & to dept	8/19
C	1665	" 16.	Student Interpreter H. Arnold. Commends his efficiency and reports his departure for Shanghai.	8/19
C	1666	" 16	Exposition of St Louis. Difficulties met by Chinese Exhibitors and visitors. Env's note to F.O. in accordance with Dis. 799 and F.O's expression of thanks	8/19
C	1667	" 22	Visit, intended, of Francis H. Nichols to Tibet. Env's letter to Pres't of the American Geographical Society pointing out the dangers of the	8/29
C	1668	" 26.	Postal rates from the U.S. to China. Refers to previous corresp[ce] and insists on confusion and expense caused by the P.O.D's order reducing rates to Shanghai	8/29.
F.R.'04 C	1669	" 26	Indemnity due by China. Payment of the same. Env's joint note signed by all representatives except himself, proposing a definite and final compromise	8/29
C	Tels.	" 25.	War between Russia and Japan. "Miller telegraphs Russians completely withdrawn from Newchwang this morning."	7/25
C	1670	" 28	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. The city has been occupied by the Japanese and will probably be placed under a military Govt although China has asked permission to send a taotai to take charge of the civil administration.	
C	—	"	Neutrality of China. Violation of the by the Russians who cross into Mongolia to purchase provisions and by the Japanese who enlist Chinese.	8/29
C	1671	" 28	Assistant Chinese Secy. Env's Hon: W. Hastings' oath of office.	8/29
	1672	" 28.	Books for legation, in Dis. 799, asked	8/29
C	1673	" 28	Murder of L. Etzel. Refers Dis. 810 and refers to Desp. 1644.	8/29
	1674	" 28.	Circular of June 2 asked	8/29
	1675	" 30	Student interpreters. Standing of. Quarterly report forwarded	8/29
C	1676	Aug. 1	Legation Bldgs - reports to gleas, lath & hair contracts awarded - Advises drafts to July 25 & 30.	9/17.
C	1677	" 2	Visit, intended, of Francis H. Nichols to Tibet - Env's further corresp with Prince Ching rel to Ref to Dis 1667.	9/17
C	1678	" 3	Publication - "Commercial, R'way & Mining Enterprises" translated by Chinese Secy - transmits 4 Copies of.	9/17
C	1679	" 5	Pientsin - recommends student interpreter F. D. Cloud as V. Cons. Genl and Interpreter at -	9/17.
F.R.'04 C	Tel.	" 6	Whangpu Conservancy - Govt offers as guarantee for scheme, the opium revenue of the Chinese province and of Hinchow prefecture, Kiang Su province, about 600,000 taels annually - Is it satisfactory -	8/6
	—	" 9	Student Interpreta for Legation - Acts Instr. 811 -	9/17
F.R.'04 C	1680	" 12	Whangpu Conservancy - Confirms tel. Aug. 6, Dept's reply Aug. 10 and Instr. 814 and encls copies of recent corresp with Prince Ching. Says that it is essential to have the work done properly and effectively is the agreement of the Powers and then make the Chinese understand that the Powers are in earnest and determined to have the work done in accordance with the protocol - Confirms also tel. July 26.	9/20
C	Tel.	" 15	War bet. Russia & Japan - Russian Min. has charged Chinese Govt with complicity in "Retaliatory" affair or Chinese commanders with cowardice or treason & latter to be punished and destroyer to be restored. Has demanded full explanation. Conduct of both Chinese & Jap. naval officers is condemned here - Serious complications may arise unless both Govts disavow responsibility - China has demanded restoration of destroyer.	8/15.
C	1681	" 15	Trade Mark Regulations approved and will be put in force Oct. 23, tentatively - Encls copy of Reg's and of corresp with F.O. and Cons. Genl Goodnow.	9/20.
C	1682	" 16	War bet Russia & Japan - Confirms tel Aug 15, adds to details of "Retaliatory" affair given by Consul Genl Fowler, and comments thereon - Attitude of French and German Ministers -	9/20
C	1683	" 16	Salaries of Chinese writers of Legation - Mr Lin, his son and Mr Li will draw respectively $20, $15 and $10 - a month, total $45 - This can for the present be paid out of contingent expenses. R. to Inst 803.	9/20
	—	" 16	Postal Convention of Washington 1897. Circ. June 25 has been complied with.	9/20 -
C	—	" 16	Shanghai - Recognition has been accorded U. S. Consul Bassett as T. & D. Consul Genl at - R. to Instr. 815.	9/20
F.R.'04 C	1684	" 20	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Env's unsatisfactory and dilatory answer of F.O. to note in 1680 and memorandum laid before and commented on by that body which however desires to communicate with the Vice Roy before formally proposing the plan to the Dep Corps. Brit Min. has already pledged his support	10/10
C	1685	" 20	Legation's new buildings. Contract for interior finish let to the Warren Mfg Co for $50000. Env's corresp re	10/10
C	1686	" 23	Water supply for legation. Env's contract with J. Miyai for the boring of artesian well authorized by Dept's tel of this date	

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Edwin H. Conger Esqr.	1687	Augt 802 acknd and complied with.		10/10
	1688	" 25 Account for telegrams & Vouchers Esqr		10/10
C	1689	" 25 Leave of 60 days requested		10/10
F. R. '04 C	1690	" 25. Indemnity. Payment of arrears and question of gold or silver payment. Tel's letter of Taotai of Shanghai to the Bankers' commission rel. to differences regarding. The Dep. Asst is not ready to give an answer		10/10.
C	1691	" 26 Legations' new buildings. Esq's package of specifications for interior finish for transmittal & to William H. Warren Mfg Co of Chicago.		10/10
C	Tel	" 25 Neutrality of China "Confidential 25th. Russian Minister informed me unofficially that Japan's course warrants extension of hostile zone anywhere in China and that Russia will no longer consider the Chinese Govt neutral."		9/25.
F. R. '04 C	1692	" 26 Same subject: Esq's list of Ltrs from and to Dept. note to F.O. rel. to danger of American interests at Shanghai and reports conversation with Russian Minister referred to in tel. shows Chinese Govt seems to be anxious to maintain its neutrality. Esq's statement of Jap't govt in regard to the engagement of the Russian torpedo destroyer Reschitelny in the port of Chefoo and the operation of a wireless telegraph station there by the Russian Consulate		10/10
	1693	" 29 Kiangchow. Recognition granted to Consul Anderson. R. to 826		10/10
	1694	" 29 Publication Trade Returns for 1903 forwarded		10/10
F. R. '04 C	1695	" 30 Neutrality of China. Esq's reply of F.O. to note in 1692 stating that the Russian ships at Shanghai have agreed to disarm and that the crews will be sent home		10/10.
	1696	Sept 3 Vice Roys of the two Kwang and of Yunnan and Szechuan exchanges places. Imperial decree making the change		10/19
	1697	" 5 Books in Ltrs. 823 and 826 asked		10/19
C	1698	" 7 Monetary Reform in China. Prof. Jenks' plans, its prospects and results already achieved. Esq's Prof Jenks' letter.		10/19
	1699	" 8 Congress of Military Surgeons at St Louis. China will not be represented		10/19
C	1700	" 9 Anti foreign agitation Reports threats of massacre in the city of Taming Fu and departure of the Santa Child Mission in consequence. Ample protection has been secured by the legation.		10/19
	1701	" 9 Circular of July 27 acknd.		10/19
	1702	" 9 Customs Gazette for April-June 1904 forwarded		10/19
C	1703	" 10 Neutrality of China. Refers to 1692 and calls attention to report of Capt Boyd forwarded by the Consul at Chefoo, rel. to wireless telegraph station.		10/19
C	1704	" 13 Patents. Protection of, in China. No regulations have yet been issued; Esq's note from F.O. reports difficulties of the question; legation will insist on prompt action. R. to 822		10/31.
C	1705	" 13 Trade Marks. Protective Regulations for the, were forwarded in "1681. R. to 824.		10/31
C	1706	" 15 Expulsion of Edwin Emerson Jr., a newspaper correspondent, by the Jap. military authorities at Newchwang for violation of their regulations. Esq's & protest, against refusal of Consul General Miller to protect him, and latter's report		10/31.
	1707	" 17 829 acknd		10/31.
	1708	" 17 Circular of Aug 5 asked		10/31.
C	1709	" 17 Murder of a Belgian Bishop and two priests at Lichuan. Esq's account of the, in July and terms of settlement secured by the French legation.		10/31
C	1710	" 21 Sentence on Natalbe Valis for the killing of a Chinaman 4 years to be spent on Esq's account of proceedings and advice against clemency. R. to 825.		10/31.
C	1711	" 22 Chinese coinage. Recommendation of the Congress of Orientalists for a uniform system of transcription. Esq's Chinese Sec. Williams' report. R. to 831.		10/31
C	1712	" 23 Treaty between Tibet and Great Britain. Esq's text of the, as published in China. Ret'd. while believing it to be correct, declares it will not ratify it.		10/31
C	1713	" 28 Trade Promotion of American, by Dip. Offices. Reply to Circ. of July 29.		10/31
C	1714	" 26 Tibet. Appointment of T'ang Shao-i, Customs Taotai of Tientsin, to investigate and deal with affairs in. Imperial decree by which T'ang is promoted to civil and military honors and gives history and record of the appointee, a graduate of Yale.		11/10

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Edwin H. Conger Ch. M. & Sec.	Tel	Sept 27.	Railway building. Reference promised to British and American capital by China. "Chinese Govt has promised in writing that if foreign capital necessary Americans and British should have preference in Railway Hankow to Chungking. French and British capitalists will meet in London Oct. 20th to discuss question Brit. Min. recognizing our rights inquires if American capitalists will not join. If they do not I shall oppose concession to others unless otherwise instructed."	9/7
C 1715	"	27	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing; reason for action of Chinese Govt is that the Thurlow Reed Barnes Syndicate and the China Investment and Construction Co. last applied for a railway concession. Reports interview with Brit. Min.	11/11
1716	Oct	1.	Circular of Aug 15 and 5.	11/11
C 1717	"	1	Legation new buildings. Draft for $25000 to the order of the Wm. H. Warren Mfg Co and for delivery on production of evidence that material referred to in No 1688 has been shipped.	11/11
C 1718	"	3.	Tibet. Office of Ta-lai Lama has been abolished by decree and the Ta-lai Lama invested with the powers thereof. Gives a history of the two offices, relative importance, relations with China and mode of succession.	11/11
1719	"	3	Testimonials in Instruction 873. Receipts for same.	11/11
1720	"	7	Mexican Legation at Peking - establishment of, reported - C. A. Lera, Mex. Min. to Japan, presented his credentials and returned to Japan, leaving Legation in charge of Secy -	11/16
C —	"	8	Canton - P. Stewart Heintzleman, appointed V. & D. Cons. Genl at, reported departure for Canton Oct 9.	11/16.
C 1721	"	8	Same subject. Reports that in compliance with Depts undated tel. he, Student Interpr., leaves for post Oct. 10. Asks and.	11/16
C 1722	"	8	Railway - Peking-Hankow, in Chihli & Ho-Nan - encls transl. of Chinese Regulations governing traffic on the - hopes that other treaty powers will soon permit Art. IV, treaty of 8. with China, to become effective.	11/16.
1723	"	12	Railway Congress - International, Washington, May, 1905. Names of Chinese delegates to the -	11/16.
C Tel	"	12	Trade Marks Regulations - merchants all nationalities request postponement for six months enforcement of - Spanish & French Ministers strongly demand it - Brit. Min. will not object. Draft in majority of merchants will no regulations whatever.	10/12
C 1724	"	13	Same subject - Confirms preceding tel. 12th and Depts reply same date, and expatiates on the subject - Encls printed minutes of Chamber of Commerce, correspt with Cons. Genl Goodnow and clippings from Shanghai Papers -	11/16
C 1725	"	15	Legation new buildings - Transmits accounts of expenditures and architects report, with copies of proposed Contracts.	11/16.
Tel	"	17	Mails from the U.S. - Refs to tel dated July 3d no American mail has reached Newchwang since July."	10/17
C Tel	"	19	"American China development Co asks me to protest against Chang's withholding bonds saying that full case has been presented Dept of State. I have requested delivery of bonds according to the contract and protested against prejudicing any American interests. Chinese Govt will probably plead transfer of Co to Belgians, squandering money by management, slow construction and other alleged violations of contract. Even if Company's contention is right; prompt and emphatic action will become necessary. Therefore, having the facts before you please cable instructions."	10/19.
C 1726	"	20	Conservancy of the Whangpoo - Tuanchaikiun's bir has declared that his Govt would accept the scheme proposed by China but in no case would agree to the plans laid down in the protocol. Chinese Govt is still waiting for a reply from the Viceroy in regard to required guarantees.	12/14
1727	"	20	Audiences to the Resp. Corps on the 25th and to the ladies on the 17th. Account of the annual Autumn. Encl text of remarks by Min Conger - their Majesties	12/14
C 1728	"	21	Student Interpreters. Report of examination of	12/14
C 1729	"	21	Newchwang. Assignment of Student Interpreter Clarence Cleves to take charge of consulate at, during Consul's absence on leave, recommended	12/14
C Tel	"	22	Trade Mark Regulations will be put in force tomorrow:	10/22
C Tel	"	22	Salary. Consul Morgan engaged passage early November and is now en route Shang	10/22
F.R. '04 C Tel	"	23	Indemnity. Payment in gold. "Refs to my tel 1669 July 26 last. Chinese Govt now proposes: 1st that the rate of exchange hereafter shall be fixed monthly upon the average daily rate instead of taking the rate of the day of payment; 2nd that interest on the arrears resulting from payments in silver instead of gold rates up to Jan 1st next shall be cancelled; 3d that interest at 4% per annum shall be allowed on all interest and amortization deposited quarterly in designated banks before due. If these three propositions are accepted by the Powers China promises to pay Jan 1st next the accrued difference between silver and gold payments up to that date and succeeding payments as they fall due, making all at gold rates. It appears to me a fortunate adjustment of the question at this time but tel me if action is desired. Shall I consent?	10/22

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Edwin H. Conger, Esqr.		1730	Oct 16.	Text of tel. of Oct 17 to the Dept	12/04
Mr Sergeye 194.		1731	"	Thanks of Dept in "834 have been conveyed to Surgeon Gray.	12/14.
		1732	" 26	"836 asked	12/14
	F.R. '04 C	1733	" 26.	Indemnity Payment in gold. Confirms tel. of Oct 23 and incls draft of note submitted by the Chinese Govt	12/14
	C	1734	" 27.	Salvage. Return of Consul Morgan to Chefoo. Incls tel from Chefoo	12/14
	C	1735	" 31.	Legation new buildings. Furniture and equipment for the. Asks that Congress be requested to appropriate $ 38910 for. Submits estimate of Architect Maly.	12/14
	C	Tel	Nov 1.	Visit of Francis H. Nichols to Tibet. "Refers tel. of the 17th of October. At the end of August Nichols returned to Tengyueh from the headwaters of Salween intending to proceed to India to try the route via Darjeeling."	1/1.
	C	Tel	" 1	Viceroy of Nanking. "Chou Fu, Governor of Shantung, appointed Viceroy at Nanking vice Li Hung Chi deceased."	1/1
	C	1736	" 4	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and incls decree making the appointment and reciting the official and personal records of both officials.	12/14
	C	1737	" 5.	Trade Mark Regulations. Confirms tel. of Nov 28; German, French and British Ministers had strongly urged postponement and the former who had received a promise to that effect, may obtain a suspension of the registration.	12/14
	C	1738	" 5.	Visit of Francis H. Nichols to Tibet. Confirms tel. of Nov 1 and incls letter from Sir Robert Hart giving information therein reported	12/14.
		1739	" 5.	Tidal Data Report has been forwarded to the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Re Circ of July 20	12/14
	C	1740	" 7	Legation new buildings. Advice of draft for $4000	1/5.
	F.R. '05 C	1741	" 8	Murder of Ho Ts'ai. Yen, a Chinese coolie by seamen of the Ind. at Canton. Encls corrs with F.O. relative to the, and suggests that an indemnity be paid.	1/5.
	C	1742	" 8.	Public Lands of China. Report on the institutions rel to. Refers to Circ. of Sept 20	1/5.
	C	1743	" 11	American China Development Co. Refusal of Chinese Govt to deliver bonds to the. Text of tel to & from Dept; Chinese Govt persists in its refusal alleging bad management violations of contract. Encls corrs with F.O. and Co's agent	1/5.
	C	Tel	" 11	Trade mark regulations. "Conf. Your tel of the 9th. The Ministers mentioned have requested postponement trade mark regulations. F.O. is willing to postpone but Jap. Min. emphatically protests; hence Chinese Govt afraid to act. The movement to postpone was initiated by the Germans who want no regulations and being balked by the Japanese are trying to unite all the Powers against them. What was at first mere commercial question has developed into an important political one. I do not believe American interests will be materially prejudiced either by tentative putting in force or by postponing the regulations and am acting accordingly. Await instructions upon the political phase of the question."	12/14
	C	1744	" 14.	Same subject. Text of tels from and to Dept. Reports attitude of the several Ministers.	1/5.
	C	1745	" 14	Monetary Reform. Prof Jenks' scheme is meeting with strong opposition and is not likely to be carried out. Encls letter to Prof Jenks' and Chinese Secretary Williams' interview with Chas. Eth. Hsüin, Pres't of the Board of Revenue	1/5.
	C	Tel	" 15	American China Development Co. Cancellation of the contract of the. "Chinese Govt formally notifies me of its intention to annul A.C.D. Co's contract."	12/15.
	C	1746	" 16	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and incls note from the F.O.	1/5.
	C	1747	" 16	Birthday (70th) of the Empress Dowager. Full account of the special audience given on the occasion of the; Encloses text of speeches, and reports the presentation of the President's letter to the Empress and the latter's gift of the photographs to the President and Minister Conger	1/5.
	C	1748	" 17	Legation. New buildings. Draft of $8000 for the Warren Mfg Co Encls; reports on the contracts made with the firm and their execution.	1/5.
	C	Tel	" 19	Tientsin. "Interpreter to Consulate Tientsin leaves Dec 1st. Shall I assign Clowe there."	12/19
	C	1749	" 21	Portrait of the Empress Dowager presented to the President. Refers to 1747 and forwards the.	1/11
	C	1750	" 21	Tientsin. Text of tel to & from Dept rel to assignment of Student Interpreter Clowe who should be appointed Vice Consul General	1/11
	F.R. '04 C	Tel	" 22	Indemnity. Asks whether Govt will continue to accept payment in silver.	12/22

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Edwin H Conger. Eds&Pc	1751	Nov 26.	Monetary reforms. Refers to 1745 and incls memorials of the 11th inst of Nanpan and Shupeh decidedly adverse to Prof Jenks' scheme	12/11
C	1752	" 26	Declarations enforced upon American negotiators of the Treaty of 1903. Con's correspondence with the F.O. rel to the.	12/11.
C	1753	" 28	Indemnity. Question of payment is still unsettled, the foreign Govts insisting upon knowing first the amount of the loss to them involved in the Chinese proposals. Reports interview with Tieh-fang of the F.O. following notice that the US would expect same treatment as other powers and expresses his own opinion that such a step would destroy the good effect of previous position.	12/11
C	1754.	" 29.	Legation new buildings. Additional appropriation of $10000, owing to increased cost of material and labor, should be available by about 1. Report of Architect already incl	12/11
C	1755.	" 29.	Military reforms and Japanese influence in China. Con's report of Chinese Sec'y Williams on the mission of Tieh liang to the central provinces and its purposes and effects, also, edict bearing on the same subject. Ref to. Dep of Nov. 7 from Nanking.	12/11
John Gardner Coolidge. Sec.	—	" 29	Leave of 60 days to visit the US. in 1905 requested.	12/11
Henry P. Fletcher. 2nd Sec. C	—	" 29	Leave of 60 days to visit the US. in 1905 requested.	12/11
Edwin H Conger, Eds&Pc	1756	" 29	Transmits the two foregoing applications. with his approval	12/11
C	1757	Dec 1.	Postal arrangement between China and the US. Con's correspondence with Sir Robert Hart rel to the necessity of a	1/18.
C	1758	" 2.	Neutrality of US Consul and admiral at Chefoo, in connection with the delivery of arms to the Chinese authority from the Russian torpedo-boat Rostropmie. Con's protest of Russian Minister and his reply upholding the action of the american officials.	1/18.
C	1759	" 8.	Mining Regulations of China. No result may be expected from action on Dns" 838 at present	1/18.
F.R.'05 C	1760	" 8	Conservancy of the Whangpu. Con's scheme of the Chinese Govt submitted in writing to the Dip corps by which it is to be considered in a few days	1/18.
	1761	" 8	"833 ante)	1/18.
C	1762	" 8	Trade Mark Regulations. Postponement has not been accomplished, but certain alterations (enclosed) have been proposed by the Chinese Govt and rejected by the German and British Ministers.	1/18.
F.R.'04 C	Tel.	" 5.	Indemnity. Payment of. "Conf. Chinese Govt insists that having signed our bonds we ought to receive payment as therein stipulated. The other powers think we desire finally to profit by their fight for gold which our action has always obstructed. The Chinese have been very grateful for our just and generous position; and the other powers although annoyed have respected us for it. Would it not be better under all the circumstances of the case for us to insist on our right to demand the same treatment as is given the others, yet, in view of China's helpless position, waive that right and continue our just and generous course, and accept payment according to the terms of the bonds regardless of the action of others or of the more favorable treatment which China is forced to give them? Otherwise, it is to be feared that the good effect of our former action may be lost. Reply soon as possible."	12/5.
C	1763	" 9	Same subject. Text of tels to and from Dept: quotes memorandum and circular # 1753 by the German and British Ministers, and concurred in by their colleagues, to the effect that the Peh legation was expected to assume the burden of explaining change of the attitude.	1/18.
C	1764	" 10	Canton. Retention of Consul Gen Cheshire recommended in Con's note from F.O.	1/30
C	1765	" 12	Trade Regulations for the West Rivers. Text of the, approved by the Consular Corps at Canton and the legation at Peking Encl	1/30
C	Tel.	" 14.	Anti foreign movement. "Except the disturbances in Kwangsi which are more anti dynastic than anti foreign order generally prevails and the Govt seems disposed and able to preserve it. The ordinary secret societies exist but they are not at present unusually active nor is there unusual evidence of anti foreign sentiment. Newspapers and other reports are greatly exaggerated."	12/14.

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China				
F.R.'04 Edwin H. Conger. Ch.	1766	Dec 14	Anti foreign movement. List of Ltrs from and to Dept and submits a full report on the organization and aims of the societies existing in the several provinces and on the measures taken by the Chinese government to suppress all seditious outbreaks.	1/30
C	1767	" 15.	Governorships of Province. Ens edict abolishing the, of Kuyeh and Yunnan and vesting Chinese Secretary Williams on the rank and duties of Governors.	1/30.
C	1768	" 16	Passport refused to Louis Boeckmann. Refers to Desp. 1304 and Inc: 691 and Ens letter from German Minister showing that B. declared intention in 1900 to resume his citizenship and is now considered a German subject.	1/30.
C	1769	" 19	Claim of Mrs John Clemons. Ens report from Consul at Shanghai rel to the murder of her daughter by the Boxers in 1900 and recommends payment of indemnity. Rec 842	1/30
	1770	" 19	Guards of the several legations at Peking. List of officers ment ens	1/30
C	1771	" 20	American China Development Co. Forfeiture of the contract of Ens note to F.O. in accordance with Dep's Tel. of Nov. 19: "no answer has yet been returned	1/30
C	"	" 20.	Shooting of a Chinaman by an officer of the U.S.S. "Villalobos." Asks 852. no representation has yet been made by the Chinese Govt on the subject.	1/30
C	1772	" 21	Indemnity. Payment of Ten of Dep's tel. of Dec 20. No final agreement yet reached on the question; states various proposals made and main difficulties encountered	1/7
C	1773	" 24.	Meetings of the Dip. Corps between July 8, 1902 and Nov. 1, 1904. Printed minutes ens	1/7
C	1774	" 24.	Diplomatic list of Peking encl	1/7
C	Tel	" 25	Death. "Russell Colegrove died here today. Notify friends."	1/25.
C	1775	" 27	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, reports particulars of the death; effects of little or no value have been taken charge by U.S.G. Mission of Chentsun.	1/7
C	1776	" 27	Transit passes. Tael changed as, in violation of treaties. Orders have been issued to suspend collection, upon protest of legation and other Dip. representatives. Corres with F.O. encl.	1/7
C	1777	" 29	Mixed Court at Shanghai. French Minister having withdrawn his objection to amendment of the rules, a new set, copy enclosed, has been prepared by the Diplomatic Corps and submitted to Chinese Govt for its approval	1/7
C	1778	" 29	Arbitration Convention. Ministers at Washington has been authorized to sign. Ens notes to and from F.O. Rel to Art. of Oct 20	1/7
	1779	" 30	Customs Gazette for July-September '04 forwarded	1/7
C	Tel	" 30	Legation new buildings "Refy to my Desp. 1754. Nov 29, one gold dollar today buys only one ninety silver instead of two forty when work began."	1/30.
C	1780	" 31	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing as emphasizing necessity for increased appropriation.	1/7
C	1781	" 31	Death of Russell Colegrove Consul General at Tientsin has been instructed in accordance with Dep's tel. of Dec 30	1/7

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Edwin H. Conger. Et. M.P.	C 1782	Jan 2	Peace Conference (2nd) at the Hague. Proposal of Odes heartily accepted by China. Eu's dates to and from the F.O.	3/16.
	C 1783	" 4	Legation. New buildings. Refers to 1780, and Eu's Architect Healy's report on progress of work and account - vouchers for expenditures in the 4th Quarter	3/16
	C 1784.	" 5	Resignation Letter to the President tendering. Encl	3/16
	Tel	" 6	"Leaving for Philippines. Coolidge, Chargé d'affaires."	3/6.
John G. Coolidge, Chargé d'Aff. ad int.	1785	" 6	Confirms the foregoing.	3/16.
	C 1786	" 6	French control of a National Bank of China - Rumor of, in Jan. 1905, is denounced by F.O. in Eu's note, as false; one Chazalon, French citizen, entered into a contract to establish a private, not Govt, bank at Tientsin.	3/16.
	1787	" 6	5th 860 asked	3/16.
For. Rels. 06.	C 1788	" 7	Trade Mark Regulations. Postponement of time for registration until an agreement with the foreign representatives should have been reached officially announced. Eu's report of Chinese Secretary Williams and consul at the F.O. with the several foreign representatives.	3/16.
	C	"	Patent and Copyright regulations not likely to be considered until after settlement of the Trade Mark question.	3/16
	C 1789	" 10.	Passport application of Wong Wa Foy naturalized as a citizen of Hawaii in 1886 submitted.	3/25.
	1790	" 10.	Canton. Recognition granted to Anken Lay.	3/24.
	C 1791	" 14.	Death of Francis W. Nichols. No particulars have yet reached the Legation; instruction requested as to disposal of Manser rifle left at the Legation by Nicholls.	3/24.
F.R. '05	C 1792	" 14	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Eu's counter-project thereto has been submitted to the Signatory Powers by their respective representatives and recommends acceptance by 1st and interest change	3/24.
	C 1793	" 14	Piracy by Jap. publishers of Parley's Universal History will be investigated by the Chinese Govt. Eu's notes to & from F.O. Nos 856.	3/24.
	1794	" 14	Ceremonial letter Reply of Empress Dowager will be forwarded thro' the Dr. Legation	3/24.
	C 1795	" 14	Gift of "juis" to the Secretaries of Legation by the Empress Dowager. Eu's notes presenting and ack'g as, and asks instructions as to their disposal	3/24
	1796	" 17	Registration of American Citizens & Consulates. Refers to Desp. 64. from Nanking and Encls from slightly amending Treaty Chinese provisions	3/24.
	Tel.	" 18	Neutrality of China - Your tel. 14th was understood as instructed.	1/18
	C Tel.	" 18	Chinese China Development Co. Your tel. 6th - Reply of Chinese Govt rec'd today. Question being considered by Board of Commerce. Owing to opposition of gentry in Hupeh Hunan Kwangtung to methods of Commissioner's investigation report has been ordered. F.O. has informed Board of Com. & Viceroy of foregoing protest —	1/18
	Tel.	" 23	Neutrality of China - Full text of China's reply to Russian note rel. to -	1/23
	Tel.	" 25	Same subject - Corrects errors in preceding; appending remarks	1/25.
	C 1797	" 25	American China Development Co. - Case referred by Board to Chang Chih-tung. Confirms tel. 6th	3/7
	C 1798	" 26	Complaint of American Cigarette Co. - Reports unsuccessful protest against imposition on Co. of 5% ad valorem export duty. Corresp. with F.O. encl. -	3/7.
	1799	" 26	Neutrality of the U.S. Act's 1862 - Leg. Circ. of caution has been sent to all U.S. officials -	3/7
	1800	" 26	Neutrality of China - Confirms telegraphic corresp. rel. to and encls reply of Chinese Govt to charges.	3/7
	1801	" 27	Diplomatic Corps at Peking - reports that Ygrman Min. becomes dean of Corps, and departure of last from Min.	3/7.
	C 1802	" 28	Treaty of Immigration - Act's 1865 with draft & counter-draft. Pass method of investigation will meet with opposition	3/7.
	1803	" 28	Trade Mark Regulations - status of - encls corresp. of Japanese Leg. and F.O. rel. to the -	3/7.
	1804	" 30	Province of Kiang-hwai, created out of part of the province of Kiang-su. Eu's despatch, and note of Chinese Secretary re the change and resources of the new province	3/22
	C 1805	Feb 1	Indemnity and Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Printed minutes of the meeting of the Dip. Corps, of Dec. 14, on both questions.	3/22
	C Tel	" 3	American China Development Co. Pursuant to your tel. of the 26th ult. strong protest to F.O., followed by personal interview to impress the decision of the U.S. Govt Chinese Govt replies that Chang Chih-tung has been ordered by Imperial decree to make report; pending which nothing can be done. will watch carefully. Suggest Cheshire be sent Hankow to confer with Chang Chih-tung."	3/3

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China					
John G. Coolidge, ch d'aff ad int	C	Tel	Feb 3.	German influence. "It appears to believe that German Minister has attempted to establish the precedent that he should be consulted in the appointment of Governor of Shantung. China has evaded the issue."	2/3
	C	Tel	" 6	Naval attaché. "The appointment of Lieut Frank Marble as naval attaché will be agreeable to the Chinese Government."	2/6.
	C	1806	" 7	Confirms the foregoing.	2/12
		1807	" 7	New years audience to the Dip. Corps by the Emperor and Empress Dowager took place this morning at 9.	2/12
	C	1808	" 8	Correspondence of Consulates. In accordance with Circular of Dec. 10 (C.O.) communications from the legation will be forwarded directly to the Consuls.	2/12
F.R. '05	C	1809	" 9.	American China Development Co. Confirms tel. of Feb 3. and encs note and reports interview therein referred to; gives reasons for his recommending that Chalmers be sent to Hankow, change in representatives of the Co. advisable	2/12
	C	1810	" 9	German influence in Shantung. Confirms tel. of Feb 3 and reports several instances in which German Min. insisted on being consulted before new Governor were appointed	2/12
	C	1811	" 9	Books for legation requested	2/12
	C	1812	" 10.	Expedition. scientific of the American Geographers' Ass'n. Chinese passports have been issued as instructed in 765.	2/12
F.R. '05	C	1813	" 10	Conservancy of the Whang Poo. French Minister has announced himself ready to accept counter project in 7492	2/12
	C	1814	" 11	Indemnity. Loan of 1,000,000 arranged by the Chinese Govt with Banking Corporations for payment of arrears of the Terms of said loan.	2/12
F.R. '05	C	Tel.	" 15.	Same subject. Latest indemnity proposal of China is to pay 8,000,000 Gold Taels in settlement of arrearage within 25 days after signature of the agreement with 4% interest from Jan 1, 1905. Future payments to be made monthly with 4% interest allowed till due. Payments to be at London rate of bar silver on the day of payment or by the mutually dicated purchase of drafts or telegraphic transfers expressed in the currency of the receiving Govt as the latter prefers.	2/15.
F.R. '05	C	1815	" 24	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, submits a history of the negotiations and encs circulars of the Doyen of the dip. corps dealing therewith	2/3
	C	1816	" 25	Same subject. Status of negotiations, difficulty lies in the proposal regarding future payments which is opposed by Great Britain and favored by Germany	2/3
		1817	" 24.	Imperial Council of the Boards. Edict establishing a, and note of Chinese Govt commenting on the edict and giving list of boards and their members Encs	2/3.
		1818	" 24	Legation Guards in Peking. Name of the, Encl	2/3
	C	1819	" 25	Military reforms. Refers to 1755 and Emp's edict reprimanding and humbling leaders responsible for the shortcomings of the troops in the central provinces, based on the report of Tieh Liang.	2/3
	C	1820	" 25.	Peace Conference (2nd). China will send delegates.	2/3
	C	1821	" 25	Italian troops. Withdrawal of, from Northern China reported	2/3
	C	1822	" 25	Cable Address Am Legation has been registered.	2/3
	C	Tel	" 28	Postal Service. "American postal authorities Shanghai ordered from San Francisco to send Peking mail through the French Post office which complains that it has not the means of distribution. Interests arrange with the Chinese Post much more satisfactory."	2/28.
Edwin H. Conger, Iowa	C	Tel	Mar 2	Transfer to Mexico. "Returning Peking first steamer. Cannot conveniently leave here before April 5th. Will that do? Answer through Consul at Kobe."	3/2
John G. Coolidge, Ch d'aff ad int	C	Tel	" 3.	Student interpreter. "Request Hall be detailed to work at legation."	3/3
Edwin H. Conger, Iowa	C	Tel	" 4	Transfer to Mexico. "Leave of absence to return to Peking, and it is impossible to properly close matters there except as Minister to China, Agreement for Mexico will of course count from March 9, but Amb's salary from date of oath of office. With this understanding, can I not continue as Minister until about April 5 qualifying as Amb. on that date? Answer by cod cipher at Shanghai."	3/4.

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John G. Coolidge, Chargé	C 1823	Mar 4.	Legation new buildings. Draft for $15000 rec'd for delivery to Wm. N. Warrendeff & Co	4/13
	C 1824	" 6.	Student Interpreters. Result of the last quarterly examination forwd.	4/13.
	C 1825	" 6	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. "8/2 has been communicated to the French Minister. Other members of the corps have not yet rec'd instructions.	4/13
	C Tel	" 6.	Arbitration. Permanent Court of, at the Hague. Message of Wu Ting fang to Mrs. Hill asking him whether he can accept appointment as one of the two representatives of China on the.	3/6.
	C 1826	" 7.	Postal Service. Confirms tel. of Feb. 28 and considers open other points in which present arrangements are unsatisfactory.	4/13.
	C 1827	" 7	Indemnity. Payment of Ins. by China. Ass't Sec'y's tel of Mar 2. China com plains that delay in accepting proposition is causing loss and embarrassment	4/13
	1828	" 7	Text of tel of Mar 6 to and from Dept.	4/17
F.R. '05	C 1829	" 8	American China Development Co. Ass't 868; no new development to report	4/13
F.R. '05	~	" 9	Neutrality of China. Em's F.O.'s ass't'gt of Circular of Jan 26.	4/26
	~	" 9	Integrity of China. Em's F.O.'s ass't'gt of Circular of Jan 26.	4/26
	C 1830	" 9	Land owned by U.S. Squiers in legations' quarter. Transmits report requested in 864, recommends the purchase of the "school lot" for 1848 Taels, and em's two original Chinese deeds.	4/26.
F.R. '05	C 1831	" 9	Port (Chinkiang) opened to trade. Refers to 1609 and em's note from F.O. announcing the opening and conditions attached thereto	4/26.
	C 1832	" 9	Nanking. Suggestions of Vice Consul Macy, in his despatch "73. Em's his letter disapproving the recommendation that the Consulate and Missionaries be vested with semi-diplomatic powers	
	C	~	Missionaries in China. Forms to be filled by, and undertaking to keep Consuls informed of conditions within their district forwarded with approval	4/26.
	C 1833	" 9	Nanking. Foreign Settlement at. Em's report of the Commissioners of legations on plans submitted to the Board by the Vice Consul on Jany 5.	3/7
Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & M.	C Tel	" 18	"Arrived".	3/7
	C 1834.	" 18.	Departure from post will be made from Shanghai on April 9. Address in San Francisco, Occidental Hotel.	4/26.
	C 1835.	" 20.	Decorations (35) of the Double Dragon forwarded with list of persons to whom they have been awarded.	4/26
	1836	" 22	Publication. Duplicate copies of Customs Gazette forwd.	5/8.
William W. Rockhill, Ex. & M.	1	" 23	T. & A. Departure for post will be made April 13.	8/29
Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & M.	1837	" 25.	Audience to the ladies of the dip. corps took place Mar 18 at the Winter Palace	5/8.
	1838	" 27.	List of legations tel. of Mar 3.	5/8.
	C 1839	" 27	Duties imposed on coal used by the Canton Hankow Railway in violation of agreement. Em's comm'n vote Chinese F.O. which insist that coal should pay Customs duties because coal used by the Northern Ry pays a mining tax. Instructions requested	5/8.
	C 1840	" 27	Legation new buildings. Draft for $621.06 in favor of Union Iron Works rec'd	5/8.
	1841	" 28	Transfer to Mexico. Text of tel from to Dept	5/8.
William W. Rockhill, Ex. & M.	2	" 27.	Packet	4/29
Edwin H. Conger, Ex. & M.	C 1842	" 28	Trade Marks. Amendments to the regulations proposed by the British and German Ministers rec'd; legation is awaiting a final agreement and will in the meanwhile protect the rights of Americans who have registered trade marks before the suspension was officially published	5/8.
For. Rels. 05.	C 1843	" 29	Dangers to navigation from floating mines reported. Suggests that naval vessels be detailed to destroy the mines.	5/8.
F.R. '05	C 1844.	" 30.	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Reports favorable prospects of work being begun at an early date.	7/6.
	Tel	" 30.	Military Attaché. Your tel of the 29th has been rec'd and instructions complied with	7/10.
	C 1845	" 31.	War between Russia and Japan. General feeling among foreigners and Chinese officials that peace may be hastened by the U.S. reports; suggests that the Manchurian Railway should eventually become neutralized	5/8.

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Edwin H. Conger. E & MP.	C 1846	Mar 31	Legation. New buildings. Accounts for the 1st quarter, report of Architect Healy and contract for piping and plumbing. Encl	5/8.
	C Tel	Apl 1	Departure for newport. "Qualified as Ambassador today. Leaving on the 4th."	4/1.
	C 1847	" 1.	Same subject. Oath of office as Amb. Encl's account of farewell audience with the Emperor and Empress Dowager; transmits to the Dept a decoration and 4 rolls of silk presented to him by the Empress; pays tribute to the efficiency of the personnel of the legation	5/15.
Wm. Phillips. 2nd Secy	C "	" 3	Departure for host will, with the Min's assent, be deferred until the end of this month.	4/12
John Gardner Coolidge. Chdaff	C Tel	" 5	Transfer of Min. Conger to Mexico. "Your tel of the 3d. Mr Conger expects to reach Mexico last part of May."	4/5.
	C 1848	" 11	Same subject. Reports the departure of Min. Conger, reports the expressions of regard and regret from the Chinese F.O. and members of the Legn Corps.	6/13
	1849	" 11.	Pinnace report has been forwarded to the director of the Mint.	5/15
	1850	" 11	Text of tels from and to Dept. April 25.	5/15.
	1851	" 11.	Death and funeral of Mgr Favier, Catholic Bishop, under the auspices of the French Legation, reported.	5/15.
	1852	" 11	Vice Roys of Shen kan and Hunan exchange posts. Encls decree making the change and stating the duties of Sheng yun and Sung fan, the two officials.	5/15
Wm W Rockhill, Sec & P. C John Gardner Coolidge, Chdaff.	"	" 11.	Furniture and fittings for new legation. List of articles purchased in Washn	5/14.
	1853	" 12.	Publication. Light houses and vessels. transmd.	5/29.
	1854	" 14	"890 acknd	6/8
	C Tel	" 15.	Passport applications "Have Morz Blum and Daniel Frankel passports."	5/20.
	C 1855	" 20	Same subject. Text of tels to and from Dept. the two men are compatriots who tried to obtain passports by paying $14 for the services of a tel. to Washn.	6/8.
	1856	" 20.	Trade Marks. Protection of. Inst. 886 will be complied with.	6/8.
	C 1857	" 20	Death certificate of Russell Colegrove sent as instructed in 885.	6/8.
	1858	" 20	Student Interpreters. Report of quarterly examination forwarded	6/8.
	1859	" 21	Publication. Part I of Trade Returns for 1904 forwd	6/8.
	1860	" 21	"880 acknd	6/8.
F.R. '05	C 1861	" 22	Neutrality of China. Reply of Chinese Govt to Russian memorandum re Inst. 892, denying all allegations therein. Encl	6/8.
	1862	" 22	Province of Kiangnan is not to be created, as reported in 1804. Imp Edict encld	6/8.
F.R. '05	C Tel	" 22	Indemnity. "The new indemnity arrangement will probably be signed very soon. Arrears will be paid directly to each Govt by tel. transfer within 15 days after signature. All leading powers, except Russia, have chosen this method for future payments. I recommend the adoption of telegraphic transfers in American dollars on New York. Please telegraph instructions before the first payment under the new arrangement falls due, which will be at the end of this month, if agreement is reached."	4/22
	1863	" 24	Postal arrangement. Postmaster General's letter in Inst. 887 has been delivered to Sir Robert Hart	6/8.
	1864	" 24.	Postal Service "893 acknd. extension of foreign postal services in China is not desirable	6/8.
	1865	" 25.	Publication. Medical Report of the Imperial Maritime Customs forwd	6/8.
	C 1866	" 25	Mob attacks on and wounding of American Missionary near Hangchow. U. Consul Cloud with a Chinese escort brought Mr Kennedy to the hospital at Hangchow. Chinese F.O. has been asked to take prompt and efficient action.	6/8.
	1867	" 25.	"887 acknd.	6/8.
	C 1868	" 26	Death of Russian Minister Paul Lessar and funeral services reported. His services in China.	6/8.
	C 1869	" 26.	Summons of the German Court at Tsingtau against an American missionary Albert B. Todd. Legation has agreed to serve the summons through the Consul at Chefoo, without establishing a precedent. Encls correspondence with German Legation and Consul Fowler and letter to Mr Todd acquainting him with his rights in the matter	6/8.

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China					
John Gardner Coolidge, Chargé	F.R.'05 C		1870 April 6.	Reforms. More cruel forms of punishment abolished or modified by Imperial decree issued upon hearing Yang's memorial	6/8.
	F.R.'05 C	Tel	" 28.	Neutrality of China. "Jap. Min. informed me yesterday that he has received reports that Russians have been recently preparing the war vessels of Russia at Shanghai for active service. Should see replied to my telegram of enquiry that well informed persons declare the report of the Russian preparations has no foundation."	4/28.
	F.R.'05 C	Tel	May 2	Same subject. Text of Chinese reply, to the same effect.	5/2.
		1871	" 2	Sugar. Drawbacks and rebates. Reply to Circ. of Feb 16.	6/5.
	C	1872	" 3	Decoration of the Double Dragon for Col. F.W. Symons, transmitted.	6/5.
	F.R.'05 C	1873	" 3	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Austria, Japan, Russia and Spain have not yet signified their assent to China's proposals 884 and	6/5.
Henry P. Fletcher, 2nd Secy			" 3	Departure for newport will be made June 17 from Shanghai	6/5.
John Gardner Coolidge, Chargé		1874	" 3	897 acted	6/5.
		1875	" 4	Hangchow. Recognition granted to U.S.A. Consul Cloud	6/5.
	F.R.'05 C	1876	" 4	Neutrality of China. Text of tels from and to Legation, memo from Japanese Legation and notes exchanged with F.O. in regard to Russian warships interned at Shanghai, Encl.	6/5.
	C	1877	" 5	Trade Mark Regulations. Draft of, prepared by foreign representatives and explanatory note from German Minister, Encl.	6/5.
		1878	" 5	Publication. Native Customs Trade Return, transmitted	6/5.
	C	1879	" 12	Detention of and illegal taxes on native junks chartered by C.S. Perkins. Encls report from Consul General at Canton showing that detention was caused by attempt at smuggling bamboo Rt 871.	6/13
	C	1880.	" 17.	Same subject. Encl: Perkins' letter charging conspiracy against Chinese officials	6/20
	C	1881.	" 18.	Passport issued to John E. Kearny. Expresses regret at the oversight, and asks whether an effort should be made to recall or cancel it.	6/23
	C	Tel	" 18.	Landing of German troops at Kiaochau reported. Kiaochow shorter.	6/17
	C	Tel	" 17.	Same subject - "German landing near Kiaochow appears now probably to have been in the nature of a surveying party. Details very meagre. German authorities here and at Kiao Chow profess entire ignorance. F.O. reticent."	6/17
	C	1882	" 18	Passport application forms. Suggests amendment requiring applicants to declare they have never been refused a passport.	6/23
		1883	" 18	Books in "903 received except Abbott's Forms.	6/23
		1884	" 18	Circular of Mar 31 acted.	6/23
		1885	" 18.	Cable address. No charge for the registration of	6/23
	C	1886	" 19	Reforms. Refers to 1876 and reports that the main object seems to be to induce the Powers to relinquish extraterritorial jurisdiction	6/23
	C	1887	" 19.	Claim of Louisa J. Coolidge. Report on die, submitted, as instructed in 870	6/23
	For. Rels. 06.	1888	" 19	Trade Marks. Protection of Encl: memo filed in the F.O. in accord[ce] with "886.	6/23
		1889	" 20.	Spring Audience given to the Exp. Offs on May 15.	6/23
	C	1890	" 20	Legation buildings. Draft for $2000 advised.	
	C	1891	" 20	Petition of Lillargoli for relief for losses suffered through his contracts for stone to be furnished for the new buildings, submitted and recommends that he be allowed a sum of $1000	6/13.
		1892	"	Skipped	
		1893	" 22.	Newchwang. Recognition granted Thomas Sammons as Consul General at.	6/26.
	F.R.'05 C	Tel	" 22	Neutrality of China. Restrictions on shipment of coal "Chinese Govt informs me that to prevent supply of coal to belligerent war vessels, shippers of coal from Shanghai will be required to record at their Consulates a guarantee with the stipulation that within 40 days after shipment a receipt will reach the Shanghai Customs from the port of destination. Failing this receipt, a fine of five times the original value will be collected. This is a temporary measure. I am requested to notify Shanghai Consul[s] General. is what I have done without comment. Coal has been recently shipped at Shanghai in an unusual form adapted for rapid handling, which has aroused suspicion. Please instruct."	6/27

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China					
John Gardner Coolidge.		1894	May 22	Chefoo. Recognition granted Henry A.C. Emery as U.S.N. Ag at	6/26.
		1895.	" 22	Shanghai. Recognition granted James Linn Rodgers as Ag at	6/26
		1896	" 23	Nanking. Recognition granted Daniel S. Kidder as Consular	6/26
		1897	" 22	Hangchow. Recognition granted George Dobson as Consular	6/26
		1898.	" 27	Book for legation Abbott's Journal has been received. Rte 1885.	6/26
	C	1899	" 26	Chinese Officials. Decree announcing transfers among, &c.	6/26.
	C	1900	" 27	Landing of German troops near Kaichow. Text of tel. to the Dept. Nothing definite can be learned regarding the nature and scope of the	6/26
F.R.'05	C	1901	" 27	Port will be opened to trade at Yunnanfu by China herself. Gives substance of the memorial sanctioned on May 14.	6/26
F.R.'05	C	1902	" 27	Neutrality of China. Restrictions on shipments of coal. Text of tels to and from Dept. and of corrs with F.O. &c.	6/26
		1903	" 30	Canton. Resignation of Pol. Hewitt (known as "Polly") Am. Gen. at. Has been granted. Rte $912	7/15.
William W. Rockhill.	E&M.P.	Tel.	June 1	Assumed charge Legation today.	6/1
		"	" 1	Lieutenant Assignment of Student Interpreter Perkins to rank Clerk. resigned.	6/1
	C	"	" 2	Concession of American China Development Co." Send cable by Am. China Dev. Co. of its encroachments greatly and permanently injure our interests here. Strongly urges amendment of contract to meet Chinese objections and as proof of good faith and early resumption of work on the line".	
		1	"	Indorsed under dates of March 18 and 27 respectively.	
		2	"		
		3.	"	2 Legation records. Changes in method of keeping same suggested.	7/15
	C	Tel	"	3. Indemnity "Referring to Leg tel of Apl 22. strongly urges Russia Govt. be urged to agree to moderation payment of indemnity accepted by all other powers. Russian non-acceptance stands alone in the way of the immediate settlement of the questions.	6/2
Henry P. Fletcher	2d Secy.	C	"	4 Leave, departure from post 17th inst Address Chambersburg. Pa.	7/15
William W. Rockhill	E&M.P.		4	" 5. Lieutenant Assignment of Student Interpreter Perkins to Canton tel 1st inst rel to	7/15
			5	" 5 No 895 acknd.	7/15
			6	" 5 Shanghai. Recognition granted Julean H. Arnold as Dep Con Genl.	7/15
			7	" 5 Gunboats shown him by Rear Admrl Train, Captain Sargent and officers of the Pacific Requests his thanks for same transmitted through Navy Dept.	7/15
			8	" 5 No 6. acknd.	7/15
	C	Tel	"	6 Chinanfu Recommends immediate appointment of W.B. Hamilton as Con Agt at	6/6
	C	8.	"	7 Same subject. Confirms above tel. and gives reasons for his recommendation.	7/15
	C	9.	"	7 Concession of American China Development Co. Confirms his tel. of the 2nd inst and states his reasons why this sale is undesirable	7/15
	C	10	"	8 Legation guard. Requests that the - be replaced by one from the Marine Corps.	7/15
	C	11	"	8 Second Secretary. Commns. to the services of Henry P. Fletcher as - who has departed for his new post at Lisbon.	7/15
	C	12	"	9 Assumed charge of Legation. Confirms his tel. of 1st inst.	7/15
	C	13	"	9 Concession of American China Development Co. Confirms Dept's tel. of 9th inst.	7/15
F.R.'05	C	14	"	9 Murder of Ho Tsoi Yen, a Chinese, Comprador of the S.S. "Kaweah" by Am. seamen at Canton. Refers to 1741 and reiterates his recommendation that an indemnity be paid. Incls. corresp. with Consul. Genl. at Canton	7/15
	C	Tel.	"	10 Complaint against Consul Kidder at Nanking. "Americans at Nanking protest against Kidder for drunkenness. Consul General at Shanghai fully sustains protest. Suggest prompt action to avert scandal.	6/10
	C	15	"	10 Same subject. Confirms above tel. and incls tels from Nanking & Shanghai.	7/15
		16	"	12 Publication Customs Gazette forwd	7/15
	C	17	"	14. Indemnity. Confirms tels of Apl 22 and June 3. Ambassador of Russia puts us in prospect of early settlement and won the cause of other representatives cabling to their Govts in the sense of tel of June 3.	7/25
	C	18	"	16 Legation new buildings. Encs draft for $9000 to be forwarded to the Warren Manufacturing Co	7/25.
	C	19.	"	17 Peonage, memorial, of 10 Kochi miners. Encs protest of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce against this; further proof required before joining in desired rep. representations	7/25

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		NO.	DATE. 1905.	SUBJECT.	DATE OF RECEIPT.
Wm. Phillips, 2nd Secy	C	Tel	June 10	Departure for post will be made June 25 from Boston and July 3 from Vancouver. Special passport requested.	6/12
William W. Rockhill, Esq. U.S.	C	Tel	" 16	Same subject. Telegram from Boston this day reported.	
			" 17	Immigration treaty. Article 4 proposed Chinese treaty in draft of the Secys of Commerce and Labor will prove most obnoxious to the Chinese people and tend to increase the present agitation against us. Can I agree that all persons proving to our satisfaction, that they are not laborers can enter and reside in the U.S. All Americans in China advocate strongly liberal treatment."	6/17
	C	20	" 21.	Admission of Chinese students in United States. Encls Resolutions and letter to the Trustees of the Educational association of China recommending considerate treatment of such persons.	8/2
	C	21	July 1.	Credentials and predecessor's letter of recall, transmitted June 17. Encls copy of his speech and of Emperor's reply.	8/2
	C	22	" 1	Peace negotiations between Russia and Japan. Envoy of China to be represented at the Conference. Reports conversations with Prince Ching Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai and French and Brit Ministers.	8/2
F.R.'05	C	Tel	" 1.	Boycott. "After repeated and urgent representations from this legation, the F.O. has issued orders to all Viceroys and Governors to stop anti American agitation and attempted boycott American goods."	8/
Wm. Phillips 2nd Secy.	C	Tel	" 3	Departure for post. "Am sailing today for China."	8/3
Wm. W. Rockhill. Esq. U.S.	C	Tel	" 5	Peace negotiations between Japan and Russia. "Russian Minister here ordered Washington peace negotiations. His accompanied by Chinese servant. Will note the U.S. by Pembina. N.P. early part of August. I request authorities be instructed by Sec. of Commerce."	8/5
F. Rel. '05	C	Tel	" 5.	Same subject. Message of the Emperor to the President begging him to exert his influence in the protection of China's rights and interests. Reports that yielding to his urgent representations China will not send a delegate to the Conference and will trust solely to the U.S.	8/5
F.R.'05	C	23	" 6.	Boycott. Confirms tel. of July 1, reports his interview at Shanghai with leaders of the Chinese guilds, Encls note to Prince of Ch'ing and the latter's reply indicating that the movement was at least connived at by the Chinese Govt, and acknowledging assistance given by Viceroy Yuan Shih K'ai of Tientsin. Encls Edicts proclamations.	8/21
	C	24	" 6	Peace negotiations between Japan & Russia. China's rights. Confirms tel of July 5 and reports interview with Na. Tung, Minister of the F.O.	8/21
F.R.'05	C	25	" 8	Same subject. Encls note from F.O. declaring that China will not recognize any of the terms of peace affecting her rights.	8/21
F.R.'05	C	26	" 8	Trade Marks. Reciprocal protection of British and American by Consular Courts. Encls notes exchanged with British representatives for the, in accordance with Desp. No 4.	8/21
		27	" 8	Death of Sir Robt Hart. Encls Dep'd tel. of July 1 and notes to & from F.O.	8/21
	C	28	" 8	Chinese certificates issued at Amoy by the taotai, who is not Superintendent of Customs. Encls inquiry of Consul and reply directing him to accept said certificates until otherwise ordered. Reports Circ of April 5 on this subject	8/21
		x	" 11	Amoy. Recognition granted Consul Anderson	8/21
	C	29	" 12	Duty on coal used by the Canton Hankow Ry Co. Takes exception to the decision of the Secys in Desp 917 and asks that it be reconsidered	8/21
F.R.'05	C	Tel	" 14	Boycott. "Your tel 7th rec'd. F.O. answers that it has strongly urged on provincial authorities to restrain boycott movement Board of Commerce has done likewise. The Viceroy of this province has taken a strong stand against it. Local authorities Shanghai and elsewhere oppose agitators. Hard to enforce Boycott may not be carried out, on the other hand, authorities may not be able completely prevent peaceful mode of protest. I hope to have in the course of few days from F.O. final views draft of Treaty. Will telegraph you points on which it	8/
	C	30	" 14	Student Interpreters. Changes in the present system recommended. Reports of Examinations held	8/

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Wm W Rockhill	C	31	July 5.	Student interpreter Hull was assigned to and left for Hankow on July 4.	8/21
	C	32	" 15.	Legation's new buildings. Accounts, vouchers and architects' report forwd	8/24
R'08	C	33	" 15.	Indemnity. New arrangement for the payments by China was collectively accepted by all the foreign representatives on July 2 and immediately went into effect. Entire advantages derived by China therefrom.	8/21 "
	C	Tel	" 15	Boycott. "Ns. Consuls General at Shanghai and Canton report to their legations they fear enforcement boycott. Consuls Tientsin, Newchwang, Hankow do not"	8/15.
	C	Tel	" 17	Student Interpreter. "I recommend that Student Williams be assigned Shanghai"	7/17
R'08	C	34	" 19	Administrative reforms. Imp edict appointing Duke Tsai-tien, Tai Hung-tz'u Hsü Shih-ch'ang and Tuan-fang commissioners to visit foreign countries separately and study methods of Govt. Chinese Secretary Williams's report on the antecedents of the appointees and other indications of desire for reform	8/28.
	C	Tel	" 24.	Trade marks. Reciprocal protection of "Your Imp. No. 31 received and agreement made. Can I conclude similar arrangements with any other legations willing to. Specially important with Japan and Germany."	7/24.
R'08	C	35	" 25	Indemnity. New arrangement for the payment of the Refers to No 33 and incls full list of acceptance of Chinese proposal by the foreign representatives. Suggests that the International Banking Corporation be notified that its contract with the Treasury has lapsed.	7/28.
	C	36	" 25.	Boycott. Text of tel. from and to Dept. Reports action taken on information of outrage to Consulate at Amoy and promises made by the F.O. in connection therewith. Encs copy No. with Consuls at Tientsin, Shanghai and Canton	8/15.
		37	" 25.	Publication Trade Returns for 1904 forwarded	8/16
	C	Tel	" 25	Railway Concession (Hankow-Canton) of the American China Development Co. Recites circumstances under which it was obtained, prejudice against the Company worked by its questionable methods, and purpose of Chinese Govt in seeking to regain control. Deprecates the sale of the concession and the complaint now preferred by the Co and urges arrangement with the Chinese Govt and early resumption of work under good management.	
Chin.	C	38	" 26.	Exclusion laws of the U.S. Encs petitions of Anglo Chinese college of Foochow and of the Canton Christian College on the subject of the harsh enforcement of the	8/28
R'08	C	39	" 26	Boycott. Amount of a meeting held at Shanghai on July 19. Encl	8/21.
	C	40	" 28.	Immigration treaty. Text of tel. to from Dept. Substitute article IV is being discussed with Chinese F.O.	9/13
	C	41	" 28	Trade Marks. Reciprocal protection of. Text of tel. to from Dept: hopes to be able to sign agreements with all foreign legations, in which case the issuance of Chinese regulations will be of little importance.	9/13
Wm Phillips. 2nd Sec.	C	Tel	Aug 29.	"arrived."	9/29
Wm W Rockhill, Chas'd'Aff	C	42.	Aug 1.	Chinese Students returning from Japan were conferred degrees and offices by Imperial decree. Formerly they had to renounce their Chinese duties	9/13
	C	43	" 2	Meeting of Military Surgeons. China cannot be represented at the	9/12
	C	44	" 2	Second Secretary Phillips reported for duty on July 29	9/13
	C	45	" 2	Student Interpreter Hubert G. Baugh. Arrival of, this day, reported	9/12
		46	" 2	Chinanfu Recognition granted to Consular Agent Hamilton.	9/13
	C	Tel	" 4.	Boycott. "Am I inform Chinese Govt. that under provision Art 15 of treaty 1858 we will hold it responsible for any losses sustained by our trade if it failure to stop present organized movement interfering therewith. Shall Consul General at Shanghai report danger movement against us may shortly extend to stevedores. I am always urging on F.O. publication proclamations forbidding movement, but it is useless. Movement pleases it as effective means to coerce us. Agitation American position confirms belief. Send instructions. Who is Secretary of State? Is letter of the President of the U.S. June 24 in regard to Chinese passports authentic?"	8/4
	C	47	" 8	Passport issued in Nov 1904 to Margaret Warkentine. The lady has sent to the U.S. for desired proof of citizenship. Encs letter from Rev. Horace W. Harding. Rpt 8	9/13

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Wm W Rockhill, Envoy Ex		48	Aug 8	Mining Regulations. Failure of the Chinese Govt to comply with its treaty obligations in regard to. Chinese obligation in conformity with Sec 11, regulations of an experimental character heretofore issued that are as liberal to foreign capital as those of other countries. Local efforts to enforce regulations in direct violation of the treaties exist and are the subject of strong representations. Note of the complaints bears a bad character.	
	C		" 9	Treaty obligations. Alleged disregard of, by Chinese Govt. Letters from and to the American Association of China on the general subject.	9/15.
	C	49	" 9.	Administrative reforms. Refers to "34 and reports that Shao Ying has been ordered to go abroad with the other officials therein named	9/15
		50	" 9.	Railway Concession (Hankow Canton). Text of tel. from to Dept and from the Pres.	9/15
	C	51	" 9.	Passport issued by legation to Alfred Hespeler who subsequently proved to be a Canadian. Incl Cons report of Consul General at Shanghai.	9/15
	C	Tel	" 12	Boycott. "I have formally notified Chinese Govt of its responsibility in accordance with your cable of the 5th."	9/12
	C	Tel	" 12	Railway Concession (Hankow Canton). "Informed Prince in reply to his tel. received 8th instant, the F.O. disclaims any knowledge concelling concession and contract and of negotiations by Chinese Minister at Washington. It says matter was placed by the Throne in the hands of Viceroy Chang Chih tung scope of whose authority is not known at F.O. It is disposed to consider arrangement referred to only an incomplete outline. F.O. promised definite information in a few days which I will cable."	9/12
	C	52	" 14	Immigration treaty. Cons letter of Dr. Gilbertson President of Christian College at Canton, to the President, setting forth views of American residents on the	9/18.
	C	Tel.	" 14.	Trademarks. Reciprocal protection of. "American Minister Japan informs me Japan Govt is willing to make convention with U.S. extension protection of trademarks to China, but cannot do so by an exchange of notes. Able discuss important matter."	9/14.
		53	" 14	Text of tel of Aug. 12 to the Dept.	9/18.
		54	" 14	Text of tel of this date to Dept	9/18
	C	Tel	" 14	Railway Concession (Hankow Canton). "F.O. in the course of conversation yesterday disclaimed again any knowledge of facts about cancelling Hankow Canton Concession I have read to day a despatch from the F.O. saying that it had made inquiry concerning the settlement referred to in the Pres't's despatch to me. F.O. states that last year and this year the grand council sent to Viceroy Chang Chih tung three confidential letters of instructions from the Empress directing him to regain control of the railway. Vice Roy then memorialized Empress that the Chinese Minister at Washington be authorized to act jointly with him and his request was approved. F.O. therefore concludes Chinese Minister has acted within authority."	9/14
	F.R. '05 C	55	" 14	Same subject. Inclosing the foregoing and Cons memoranda of conversations and notes referred to therein and in tel of Aug. 12.	9/18.
		56	" 14.	Boycott. Text of tel to from Dept rel to the.	9/18.
	IL '05 C	Tel	" 15	Same subject. Acknowledges Dept tel of Aug 13, situation at various cities reported; Shanghai and Canton only seriously affected; movement becoming anti foreign; reports his own action and apathy of Chinese Govt and local authorities.	9/15
	C	57	" 15.	Chinese Artificates. Asks circular of June 26; points out practical impossibility of complying with some of its requirements and requests further instructions. Chinese F.O. seems to have favorably received suggestion that all Chinese passports be issued by it.	9/15
	C	58	" 15.	Annoy. Insult to the Consulate at. Refers to "36, enclosing correspondence with Consul Anderson, and although pleased at the reparation made by the Chinese authorities, recommends that the Consul be warned not to indulge in hasty and unjustifiable demands.	9/15

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China				
Wm W. Rockhill. Ltr & Pc Tel		Aug. 7	Railway concession (Hankow-Canton) Refers to Legation's 1797, 1809 and 1829; notice from Chinese Govt that settlement was approved by Imperial Edict, was answering by reserving protest. British Min. says that Hong Kong Govt has agreed to lend Viceroy Chang $1,000,000 for settlement and $500,000 for construction, American and English money has been refused by Chinese Govt. Asks that judgment of situation be suspended.	8/17
	C 59	" 17	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, reports conversation with W. Barclay Parsons of the Am. China Syndicate to disclaiming for his part, and incls memo. of conversation with Brit Min and notes referred to above	8/18
F.R.'05	C 60	" 17	Boycott. Enc's notes to F.O. holding China responsible for injuries to American interests, demanding the degradation of Taotai Shao-Ching President of Merchants' Guild at Shanghai and declining to continue negotiations of treaty until suppression of boycott. Enc's newspaper reports of legation's attitude and their good effect in Shanghai. Denies that Japan Govt has any hand in the movement	9/8.
F.R.'05	C 61	" 17	Same subject. Report of situation which seems not to be serious except at Canton and chiefly at Shanghai, where the leader Tseng Shao Ching is, however, losing influence. Encl request of American Corps at Shanghai for diplomatic action, and of proclamation issued at London.	9/8.
F.R.'05	C 62	" 18	Same subject Reports interview with Chü Hung Chi of the F.O. who promised that proclamation will shortly issue	
	C	"	Railway Concession (Hankow-Canton) Chü disclosed strange unwillingness to make a clear statement of facts and circumstances leading to settlement with the American China Development Co, peculiar character of the whole transaction commented on.	9/8.
	C Tel.	" 19	Shanghai-contingent expenses for Consulate Gen'l at-I most urgently request Dept. not to reduce the-Impossible to do work efficiently with less than 6000.	8/19
	C 63	" 19	Railways in China-Government control of-states that determined efforts are making to regain control by Govt and people of all railways within the Empire-Encl's Clipping from Pekin Daily Times and refers to new lines about to be built and to refunding within 2 years of debt on Canton Hankow Ry.	10/2
	C Tel	" 21	Railway Concession-Hankow-Canton-Corrects error in his tel. Aug 17 and Desp. 59. Group No. 184 should read under Chinese control.	8/21
	C 64	" 21	Same subject-Confirms the foregoing. At page 3, Desp. 59 facts are stated correctly.	10/2
	C 65	" 22	Same subject-Referring to 62, shows attitude of F.O. rel. to cancellation of Canton-Hankow concession-Encl's note from F.O. and copy of Mems. left at F.O.	10/2
	C 66	" 22	Same subject-Encl's newspaper clipping from Canton showing future intentions of Chinese Gov't for construction of the Canton-Hankow railroad.	10/2
	C 67	" 23	Railway Concession in Chekiang sought by the China Investment & Construction Co. Encl's copy of correspondence with A-M Bank of the Co in re concession for a proposed loan to the Chinese Gov't, and requests instructions-	10/2
	C 68	" 23	Amoy-visit to Consulate at-Refers to his 68 and encl's correspondence of consuls at Amoy and Foochow.	10/2
	C 69	" 24	Outrages committed by the secret society Ko-lao Hui in the southwestern part of Shen-kai Province-Encl's extract from Peking Times rel. to-and adverts to cancellation thereof-	10/2
R.'05	C 70	" 24	Boycott-encloses clipping from Brit. paper "North China Daily News" referring to the agitation of the-	10/2
	C 71	" 24	Same subject-States the danger to China lurking in the movement, growing greater with the inability of the Govt to cope with it, and referring to methods of Viceroy Yuan Shih-K'ai in dealing with it-Encl's proclamation issued by authorities in Tientsin and clippings from Tientsin foreign papers	10/2
	Tel.	" 25	Mukden-Has communication Haynes, Mukden, been forwarded here-	8/25
	72	" 25	Same subject-Confirms foregoing Tel.	10/2
	C 73	" 25	Publication-on the Chinese Postal service, suggested. Suggests that arrangements regarding the U.S. mail be made with the Chinese authorities-inviting attention to certain passages in the-	10/2
	C	" 26	Boycott-Confirms Dept's tel. and tel. sent Aug. 26 in re instructions to proceed to Shanghai-	10/2
	C 74	" 26	Passport issued to John E. Kearney-Referring to Mr. Coolidge's 1881, sends copy of letter from Consul Gen'l at Tientsin-Understands that K. has left his passport and other papers in China-	10/2
	C 75	" 26	National Consciousness-awakening of in China-refers to the spirit of union beginning to pervade the different provinces with a view to facing international problems. Encl's newspaper clippings showing that China is determined, becoming a wide awake people.	11/2

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Wm W. Rockhill, E.E.&M.P. R.'05	C	76	Aug. 26	Boycott - Referring further to Dept. and Leg. telegrams of 24th, encls proclamation of the Tientsin taotai printed in the Tientsin & Peking Times of Aug. 25 and comments on its good results	
R.'05	C	Tel.	" 27	Same subject - Cites from a dispatch rec'd from P.O. that movement was started by traders, that Govt assumes no responsibility and declines to punish ringleader for fear of disorder. States his action in suggesting the publication of proclamations explaining matter and urging people to attend to their private affairs, and his intention to visit ports and asks if Dept. approves his assistance on complete suppression of agitation before discussing treaty points.	8/27
		1	" 28	Same subject - Confirms the foregoing tel.	10/2
	C	Tel.	" 27	Railway Concession - Canton-Hankow - Cites P.O. reply in reference to his protest 19th - that negotiations for settlement were secret on account of opposition of certain Chinese & Viceroy - he refused to accept reply and sent Mems. to P.O. embodying strongest part of Dept's telegr. instructions. P.O. 24th sent informal Mem. repeating charges against Railway Co. Says matter purely commercial, not national - price paid Co. gives it great profit, in nowise affecting Amer. loans & interests - Asks if he shall proceed further or accept declination of demands.	8/27.
		—	" 28	Same subject - Confirms the foregoing tel.	10/2
	C	Tel.	" 28	Boycott - Reports Shanghai and Canton subsiding - Chinese piece goods merchants, Shanghai, strongly opposing boycott and have taken steps through Viceroy, Nanking, who sustains it as far as piece goods are concerned. No trouble reported elsewhere except at Amoy where boycott is only partial cause of agitation. Understood premier, Govt and Viceroy are taking action. Danger lies in agitation becoming anti-foreign, leading to riot & race. Asks if he shall watch developments before carrying out instr.	8/28
		—	" 29	Same subject. Ack's and confirms tel. this date.	10/2
F.R.'05	C	77	" 29	Same subject. Refers to his 60 rel. to attitude of P.O. towards the boycott, encls note from Prince of Ch'ing and reply thereto.	10/2
		—	" 30	Contingent Allowance for Shanghai - Confirms Dept's tel. Aug. 30 rel. to -	10/2
	C	78	" 30	Visit of Duke Tsai-tao and other officials to the U.S. to study our system of government. Reports preliminaries in name of P.O. enclosing Prince's note of Aug. 29.	10/2
		—	" 30	Railway Concession - Canton-Hankow - Confirms Dept's tel. this date.	10/2.
	C	Tel	Sept 1	Boycott. Imperial Edict published yesterday states that the long and deep friendship between the U.S. and China has never been tried as now. That Govt has promised to revise treaty and people should await peacefully action of both Govts. Boycotting wrong and harming friendly relations. Commands Vice Roys and Governors to take effective action, holding them strictly responsible. Undoubtedly will have good effect. Shanghai reported yesterday situation improving.	9/1
F.R.'05		79	" 1	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and encls edict therein referred to.	10/13
	C	80	" 1	Cipher Code for the Consulates. Recommends that the red book be sent to all, and encls list of various codes used by the several offices.	10/13
	C	81	" 1	Legation buildings. Draft for $2000 advised.	10/13
		82	" 4	Ranking. Temporary recognition has been granted Consul Hayned.	10/13
	C	83	" 5	Boycott. Encls text of tel. exchanged with Sec of War, Taft, at Canton.	10/13
F.R.'05	C	84	" 5	Same subject. Encls note from the P.O. rel to issuance of Edict and resumption of treaty negotiations	
			"	Immigration Treaty. Reminds the Dept that he is acting without instructions except those orally given him by the late Secy.	10/13
F.R.'05	C	85	" 5	Educational Reforms. Encls three edicts rel to the education of young Chinese abroad and to examinations and course of studies at home	10/15
	C	86	" 6	Land owned by Mr Squiers in the legation's quarter. Refers to his of 5 and Sept. 1830, and recommends that the sum of Taels 2575 and interest be paid to Mr Chen who has not yet been paid in full by Mr Squiers.	10/13
	C	87	" 8	Boycott. Proclamation of the Chinese Consul General at San Francisco. Ack's no 29: alth' that P.O. probably sent the instructions therein referred to, it may be taken as an evidence of weakness rather than of duplicity - an explanation will be demanded at the first favorable opportunity.	10/13
	C	88	" 8	Visits of Foreign War Vessels. Restrictions on. Regulations objected to by Navy Dept in Dec 30 circ prepared for the Vice Consul at Nanking who applied for them under circular instructions - they probably will never be enforced	10/13

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Wm W Rockhill, Esq.	C	89	Sept 8.	Military Attaché assistant to the. Strongly recommends the detail of 2nd Lieut Russell B. Putnam's US M.C.	10/3
	C	90	" 8	Wireless telegraphy and telephones. Em's reports to the Throne recommending favl control of.	10/13
		91	" 9	re 25 acres	10/13
	C	Tel	" 8	Boycott and treaty negotiations: "My tel. of 27th August. If the situation as to the boycott still continues improving can I resume informal discussion of basis for the treaty. Foreign office earnestly requests it. Shanghai telegraphs to day public opinion boycott practically abandoned there"	9/8
	C	92	" 11	Boycott. Text of Wilson's tel telegraphs from Shanghai that boycott is waning there and is sitting at Canton.	10/25
		93	" 15	Peace between Russia and Japan. arr'g'd directed text of Sept 9 was placed in the hands of the Emperor on Sept 14.	10/25
F. R. '05	C	94	" 18	Manchuria. Opening of ports to foreign trade and of localities to residence. Em's edict directing the preparation of a report and recommendations on the subject	10/25
For. Rels. 06.	C	95	" 15	Trade Mark Reciprocal protection of. German Min. wishes to include "Protégés" in the arrangement, and asks whether civil as well as criminal prosecution is contemplated by the understanding. Em's instructions, notes to effect Chinese law silent	9/25
	C	Tel	" 15	Monetary Reform. The Emperor approved Aug 24 a plan of national, uniform and copper coinage, no gold exchange; to prevention use of other coins, "some unimportant suggestions of Jenks" adopted.	9/15
	C	96	" 18	Boycott at Canton. Em's note to F.O. and interview of Chinese Sec'y of the legation with Acting of the F.O. also cover" visit Consul General Lay calling attention to his request for a warship to attend Canton with legation	10/5
F. R. '05	C	97	" 19	Educational reforms. Refers to "75 and Em's editorials of the North China Daily News on the importance of the edict thereunto forwarded	10/25
China	C	98	" 20	Visit of Miss Roosevelt and party to Peking. Forwards program of ceremonies and list of Ladies and gentlemen in the escort.	10/25
	C	99	" 21	Peace between Russia and Japan. The Emperor's tel. of Sept 20 has been communicated to the Japanese Minister who was not yet intimated when action therein directed should be taken	10/25
	C	100	21	Legation new buildings. Draft for $2000 advised	10/25
	C	101	" 21	Passport issued by the Govr of the Philippines to Miss Bertha Estelle Campbell who subsequently married Francis Cole Esq. the consul and wife have been inserted in Cole's passport	10/25
	C	102	" 22	Claims, foreign, against the Chinese Govt. can only be presented by the legation. They are often settled by the Tsung Li Yamen but there is no court before which they can be prosecuted. R to 97.	10/28
	C	103	" 22	Petition of L. Marzoli. His claim has been settled by payment of $1000 Mex under the authority granted in Dis 19.	10/28
	C	Tel	" 24	Administrative reforms. Referring to my desp of July 19 bomb exploded in the train of the High Commission as it was about to leave here this morning two Commissioners slightly injured, some servants killed and wounded, the reason for this attempt is unknown; possibly it may be the act of the reactionary party.	9/24
	C	Tel	" 26	Suit of the former manager of the American China Development Co against the Co in the Consular Court of Shanghai. Recommends amicable settlement in New York	9/26
	C	104	" 26	Railway from Ch'eng-tu to Hankow. Em's article of the North China Daily News on the proposed construction of, without foreign capital	9/26
F. R. '05	C	105	" 27	Boycott. Refers to "96 and Em's two notes to the F.O. requesting the punishment of Tseng Chao-Ch'ing, the leader at Canton, and more vigorous measures in the premises; also F.O.'s reply.	10/16
		106	" 27	Annoy. Legation has been forwarded to U.S.A. on Sept 20	10/26

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Wm. W. Rockhill, Ch. d'Aff.	C	107	Sept 18.	Attempt on the High Commission (on administrative reforms). Refers to tel of Sept 14, indorses edict issued on the occasion; note of thanks to Min Rockhill for aid given to the imperials and newspaper article	10/8.
	C	108	" 28	Ministers of China to France and Spain, Italy, and Belgium. Em's notes announcing the appointment of	10/28.
	C	109	" 28	Same subject. Further appointments to Great Britain, Germany and Holland, and Austria Em's memo of Chinese Secy Williams on the relative insignificance of said appointments.	10/24.
F. R. '05	C	110	" 29	Monetary Reform. Refers to tel. of Sept 15. Em's on article of the Pekin and Tientsin Times on the subject, and gives outline of a further memorial proposing additional reforms.	10/28.
	C	Tel	" 29	Conservancy of the Whangpu. Refg to Legation No 1792, new agreement for Whangpu Conservancy was signed to day.	9/27
	C	111	" 29	Same subject. Informs the foregoing and encloses American copy of the instrument (in French and Chinese)	9/28
	C	Tel	Oct. 3	Boycott. Your cable received. F.O. informed me Sept 26 Viceroy Canton was ordered to take strong request stronger action to stop boycott. Viceroy replied he must act gradually or disturbances will occur. I have again asked strongest orders be sent him. I think continued pressure will have eventually desired result. The Acting C. G. at Canton has not informed me life threatened. He seems from correspondence much excited. Conditions new and trying explain this. If no action taken by Congress next session I fear revival everywhere movement."	10/3
F. R. '05	C	112	" 4.	Same subject. Refers to #105 and Em's note to F.O. remonstrating against the unfriendly action of the Viceroy at Canton and urging strongest orders.	11/9
F. R. '05	C	113	" 4.	Indemnity. New arrangement for the payment of. Refers to #35 and Em's a better translation of the footnote appearing the	11/9
	C	114	" 4.	Boycott. Text of tel. of Oct 3 from and to Dept. Unable upon the advisability of refraining from extreme measures advocated by Am. Gen. at Canton.	11/13
	C	115.	" 4.	Immigration treaty. Em's letter addressed to the Legation by Kang Chen-hsin and more than 1000 Chinamen urging the prompt conclusion of one that will bring former vexations and unfair regulations to an end	11/13.
R. '05	C	116	" 5	Trade Marks. Reciprocal protection of Em's note exchanged with the French Ministry providing for the	
		117	" 6	Amoy. Certificate of Asst. Am Surgeon's appointment was sent with the Ch. Stock. Inv; duplicate requested.	11/13.
		118	" 6	Hankow. Recognition has been granted William Martin as C.G. at	11/13.
	C	119	" 9.	Mining Regulations of China. Refers to #49 and Em's inv. reply to a similar letter received from E. W. Suttle.	11/22
	C	120	" 9.	Smuggling of Chinese into Hawaii. Em's letter from E. Moran disclosing an alleged plot for the	11/13
	C	121	" 11.	Police. Edict creating a Board of. Encl	11/13
F. R. '05	C	122	" 12	Conservancy of the Whangpu. Em's translation of agreement in # 111.	11/13
	C	123	" 12.	Consular Courts. Admission to practice before the. Em's inquiry of E. W. Swallette in regard to, without passing on examination in the Philippine Islands.	11/13
	C	124	" 13	Legation New buildings. Em's encloses a voucher and report of Architect Healy who expects to finish the work and return to the U.S. the first week in November	11/13
	C	125	" 13.	Traffic in American prostitutes in the Orient. Conditions are practically as represented in Enclosure with Desp: 43; only remedy seems to be in giving instructions to the Ministers and Consular officers to deport "undesirable citizens."	2/13.
	C	126	" 14.	Legation. New buildings. Contract of the Warren Manufacturing Co for supplies. Em's report of Architect Healy recommending certain deductions and asks the Dept to decide the question and settle the balance	11/03

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China					
Wm W Rockhill, Charge	C	Tel	Oct 17	Illness of Asst Sec'y Phillips has typhoid fever, making good progress, without any grave symptoms; now time 9th day; family informed.	10/7
		127	" 18.	17 1/2 acres.	12/14
	C	128	" 24.	Military School for sons of noblemen. Enc's Imperial Edict establishing a.	12/14
	C	129	" 25.	Railway concession. Canton Hankow. Enc's full text of agreement with the syndicate of Hong Kong for the loan of £1,000,000 and clippings from the Peking and Tientsin Times and North China Daily News.	12/14
F.R.'05	C	130	" 26.	Trade Marks. Reciprocal protection of. arranged with the Legation of the Netherlands. Enc's notes exchanged on the subject.	11/14
		131	" 28.	Publications. Returns of Trade, forwarded	12/14
		132	" 31.	Publication. Annam Gazette forwarded	12/14
	C	133	" 26.	Withdrawal of foreign military forces from North China, proposed by Germany. Reports conversations with the British Minister on the subject	12/14
F.R.'05	C	134.	" 27.	Indemnity. Difference of £27,000 in the rates adopted by the Bankers and the Peking and interest at 5 per cent paid by the Chinese Govt in excess of that required by the Protocol. Enc's note of the F.O. to the Legation of the 25th Corps proposing to split the former and asking 4% on the latter, protocol has been accepted by the foreign representatives subject to the sanction of their Govts.	12/11
	C	Tel	" 31	Removal of Standard Oil Co's goods. "In reference to Standard Oil, F.O. informed me that Consul Nanking telegraphed Standard Oil had stored over 20000 cases densely populated district and asked it should be removed elsewhere. I at once telegraphed Consul Company must consult with local authorities concerning the site for the storage of such goods as the limits foreign settlement are not yet defined. Chinese authorities also claim that land was secured by misrepresentations and taken against their protest. I am steering this question. Standard Oil has replied Consul Oil is already sold so must therefore remove purchasers afraid to take delivery on account of boycott. I have informed F.O. if the agents statement is correct the responsibility rests with them to protect purchasers. The question has gone no further within my knowledge."	12/11
	C	135	" 31	Same subject. Text of tels. from to date	12/11
		136	Nov. 1	Nanking. Recognition has been granted to Consul Haynes at.	12/11
	C	137	" 3	Legation new buildings. additional appropriation of $5000 for the improvement of the grounds, requested.	12/11
For. Rels. 06.	C	Tel	" 3	Murder of American Missionaries at Lien Chau, in the province of Kwang-tung. News just now had information from the F.O. that the Am. Presbyterian mission station at Lienchow in the province of Canton was attacked and destroyed by mob on Oct 28th. Five missionaries names unknown killed. Two saved, one named Patterson, the other having Chinese name Ming. The Emp. was informed yesterday by the F.O. He immediately issued edict to the Viceroy Canton ordering him to inflict exemplary punishment criminals and all guilty officials, ordering also compensation and adequate protection for all missions. The Emperor also refers to his late edict Aug 31st. The cause of the attack is said to have been refusal of the missionaries to allow village people free common during a festival. F.O. promises further details. Will see Foreign Minister to-morrow. Heard nothing from Consul at Canton in the matter."	11/3.
For. Rels. 06.	C	138	" 4	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing, quotes tel. from Consul at Canton giving details, names of missionaries, and reporting action taken by him and the authorities, tel. to the Consul advising that some one representing the U.S. go with the Chinese gunboat, and Enclosure note from the F.O.	11/11
F.R.'05	C	139	" 4	Boycott. Refers to 112 and encl's note to F.O. calling attention to the disloyalness of the Viceroy of Liang Kwang.	11/11
	C	Tel	" 4	Murder of Missionaries. "Yamatsi said. I have just seen Min for F.O. who asked me to inform you that his Govt. is profoundly humiliated and distressed at occurrence Lienchow. Will promise prompt and vigorous action. I insisted with him on close relation between massacre and boycott movement and that security for us could not be insured without complete suppression of the movement in all shapes. Emperor's edict of Monday before yesterday good if strictly carried out."	11/4.

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China				
Wm. W. Rockhill, Chargé. For. Rels. 06.	C Tel	Nov 5	Murder of American missionaries. "Your cipher tel in reference to Canton disturbances recd. I have just seen F.O. and given it substance Ying tak matter. F.O. promised to telegraph Vice Roy at once. Min for Fd. informs me Viceroy Canton has telegraphed to him he has issued proclamation warning the people against boycott and ordering all officials post it everywhere. commands obedience previous orders for the protection of Chinese American employment, and prescribes direct reports to him on the steps taken for execution the same. Min for Fd. telegraphed immediately the Vice Roy enjoining rigorous and effective action."	11/5.
For. Rels. 06.	C 140	" 6	Same subject. Reports at length interview at the F.O., adverts to the recognized weakness of the Imperial Govt. and under danger of having the Viceroy of Liang Kiang superseded by a weaker man, if disarmed. Encs note from the F.O. as enclosed in the foregoing tel.	17/29
	C Tel	" 6.	Commercial treaty and trade marks regulations. "Nothing has been done about Article 4 Commercial treaty. The assent of the other powers has not been secured as to trade marks. The views &c. of the Inspector your despatch No 43 communicated to dsp. reps. charged with the question. I have just had their answers declining to accept registration under the temporary arrangement"	11/9.
	C Tel	" 7	Attempt to burn the American Baptist Mission at Ying tak. "In the matter of Ying tak I have received a note from the F.O. giving two telegrams from the Viceroy Canton of the 6th saying that he had ordered magistrate Ying tak to take extraordinary measures to protect missionaries and stations. Magistrate telegraphed no sign of enmity among the people against them. Those missionaries had decided go with their families Canton and they would be very carefully protected on the way."	11/7
	C 141	" 7	Same subject Confirms the foregoing and Enc's note therein referred to	17/29
	142	" 7	Text of dispatch tel. of Nov 5.	17/29
	143	" 7.	Murder of Missionaries at Lien Chow. Text of tel. from to Dept.	17/29
	C 144	" 8.	Withdrawal of foreign troops proposed by Germany. Reports arrangement made for the withdrawal of German troops from the Shang tung province and negotiations for the withdrawal of other European troops. Consideration will probably be the final cession of the northern section of the Limitem. Chinkiang Ry to Germany.	17/29
	C 145	" 9.	Student Interpreter, Hubert L. Baught. Report on examination of	12/29
F.R. '05	C 146	" 10.	Boycott. Enc's note from the F.O. reciting measures taken by the Vice roy of Liang Kiang who asserts that the movement does not extend beyond Canton, Kwalow and Wuchang"	12/23
F.R. '05	C 147	" 10	Port open to international trade at Nai. chow in Kiang Su province. Enc's Imperial Rescript and refers to "1900.	17/29
For. Rels. 06.	C 148	" 10	Trade mark Regulations. Foreign representatives object to proposition in Ins. 4th that all registrations made prior to the going into effect of the regulations proposed by them should antedate the said regulations. Enc's note & and from German Minister	17/29
	C 149	" 11	Attempt to burn missionary station at Ying tak. Refers to 141 and encs note to the F.O. Missionaries have safely arrived at Canton.	17/13
	C Tel	" 11	Negotiations between Japan and China. "Baron Komura arrives here tomorrow to negotiate with the Chinese Govt settlement of pending questions resulting from the War. Prince Ching, the Vice Roy Yuan Shih kai and a Vice President Foreign Office represent China."	11/11
	C 150	" 14	Commercial treaty. Article IV of the. Refers to tel. of Nov 6. the only Powers that have signed a treaty under the Protocol of Peking are the US, Great Britain, Japan and Portugal; all have agreed to accept increased duties in lieu of likin and to relinquish extraterritorial rights when conditions should warrant it Germany has persistently refused this last point to which the Chinese attach the greatest importance, and insists that question of duties be settled in international Conference, negotiations have been broken off in consequence, and it is likely that China will continue to levy likin and to restrain foreign enterprise. Enc's draft of the German treaty.	18

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China					
Wm W. Rockhill. Ch. d'A.		151	Nov. 17.	"37 acres"	1/8.
		152	" 23	"60 acres"	
	R'08	153	" 24.	Mining regulations. Refers to desp. 1759 of 1904 and encs note to the F.O. urging a revision of the, in accordance with Imp. Edt 838. The British Minister has also taken the matter up	1/8
		154	" 24	Coinage, increase, of copper in China. Refers to "19 and encs published comment between the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and the diplomatic corps, also an editorial of the North China Daily News on the subject.	
		155	" 24	Negotiations between Japan and China." Encs editorial of the "Chinese Review" a paper subsidized by Russia. Intimations by the French Minister that all advantages granted to Japan will accrue to the other Powers, and probable efforts of the Russian Minister to cast suspicion on Japan's purpose may lead to failure of the negotiations.	1/8.
	R'08 C	156	" 25.	Boycott. Encs proclamation of the Vice Roy of Liang Kwang Provinces which bids fair to bear good results if enforced with the promised severity.	1/8.
	C	Tel	" 22.	Korea. Diplomatic Relations of. "Baron Komura told me last night that although Japan would not request the Powers to withdraw their legations from Seoul nevertheless if the President saw proper to withdraw legation of the U.S. the Japanese will consider it a proof of great friendship".	
	C	157	" 27	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and report conversations with Baron Komura	1/8.
		158	" 27	Chungking. Recognition granted Consul Mason Mitchell	1/8.
		159	" 27	"66 acres"	1/8
			" 28	Discounting. Possible complaint of, from Mr Harriman of the U.P. Ry & Pacific Mail S.S.Co. States that all that was asked of him was permission to visit the Imperial Palace which could not be obtained, the favor having been granted but to one person. Miss Roosevelt, and requiring an Imperial Edict	1/11
For. Rels. 06.	C	160	Dec 1	Trade mark Regulations. Refers to 148 and encs reports from Consuls at Shanghai and Tientsin showing that such American marks as were registered under the provisional regulations 1904 were given provisional record numbers with the understanding that final registration would be granted later, thus meeting the objection presented in desp. # 42	1/16.
	C	161	" 4.	Precedence. Question of, between an Admiral of the Navy and a General of the Army. Reports mistake called to his attention in "64 and which was caused by the fact that in China Admirals in command are considered as having a representative character.	1/16
For. Rels. 06.	C	Tel	" 3.	Murder of American missionaries. Confirms Lay reports from Lien Chow the result of joint investigation so far. Three or four of the persons under arrest are probably guilty and others implicated. In view of the large size of the mob taking part in the massacre, Lay recommends light punishment for those slightly implicated asks to remain to witness executions. He says he has ascertained cause of riot and massacre, responsibility for them and approximate value of property destroyed. Shall I instruct Lay as he wishes. Unquestionably prompt punishment of the guilty will impress population. Have instructed him already question of indemnification is reserved until Dept orders and Presbyterian Board demands are known and that for the present he must see that Chinese administer full justice.	1/13
		162	" 5	Same subject. Text of tel to & from Lay	1/16
	R'08 C	163	" 5	Trade Marks. Reciprocal protection of. Encs notes to and from Belgian Chargé d'affaires offering agreement for the	1/16
	C	164	" 5	Boycott. Encs note to Wai Wu P.O. concerning the remissness of the Vice Roy of the Liu Kwang Provinces and formally protesting against the ambiguous terms used by him in regard to negotiations concerning Chinese immigration to the U.S. and memorandum of conversation with Na Tung and his answer	1/16
	R'08 C	165	" 6	Trade Marks. Reciprocal protection of. Refers to 163 and encs similar notes exchanged with the German Minister.	1/16
		166	" 8	Railway building and management by the Chinese authorities. Encs memorial of Governor Chao Shu-chiao, re the Kwan-Kow Railway from Kwang-Chow to Kalgan	1/16

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China				
Wm W Rockhill, El. & P.C.	167	Dec 8	Lottery (claim) of C.J. Bray. Ark's 39, reports result of investigation made by Min Consul-General Cheshire and Lay, encl's papers bearing on the subject and concerns matter in that the claim presented in 1904 by Bray and others, is not one to be pressed against the Chinese Govt.	1/16.
F.R. '05	C 168	" 11	Currency reform. Encl's report of Chinese Secretary Williams and other papers tending to show that the new system is not likely to fulfill the requirements of the treaty between the U.S. and China.	1/16
	C 169	" 11	Land purchased by H.G. Squiers in the legations' quarter. Understanding of the Dep. as stated in #65 is entirely correct; returns deeds as requested	1/16.
	C 170	" 16	Minister of China to the Netherlands. Appointment of Lu Cheng-hsiang announced	1/31
	171	" 16	Korean Diplomatic relations of. Encl's note from Japanese Minister announcing the withdrawal of Korean legation and Consulates from China. The Chinese Minister to Korea was recalled about the 1st of January.	1/31
For. Rels. 06.	172	" 18.	Mines. floating, between Shanghai and northern ports. Report measures taken at the request of the Consular Corps in Shanghai with the S.H. corps to discover and destroy. Encl's corresp'ce	1/31
F.R. '05	C 173	" 18.	Trade Marks. Reciprocal protection of. Refers to 163 and encl's notes exchanged with the Italian Minister, establishing an arrangement for the.	1/31
	174	" 20	Foochow. Appointment of a Vice Consul or Marshal, at. Endorses request of Consul Gracey for the.	1/31
	C 175	" 22	Consular Court for China. Encl's and approves in recommendation of Consul General at Shanghai that instead of the proposed, there be appointed a lawyer as Vice Consul General who would have exclusive charge of the comparatively small business of the Consular Court	1/31
	C Tel	" 22	Treaty between Japan and China. "I am informed by Baron Komura treaty signed to day. China consents lease Liao-tung Peninsula, & the cession of the Railway as far as Chang-chun, also to building of railway from Antung to Mukden to be brought back later on by China. By a secret protocol China agrees to open 16 localities in Manchuria, among them Harbin, to international trade and residence. The other provisions are unimportant."	1/22
	C 176	" 23.	Reforms. Encl's newspaper summary of two recent decrees on the subject of	1/31
R. '05	C 177	" 23.	Mining Regulations. Encl's list of new, establishing mongolian bureaus of inspection and rules protecting against Regulation VII which, in violation of the treaty, provides that mining lands belonging to private individuals may be sold only to natives of the district.	1/31
For. Rels. 06.	C 178	" 23	Mixed Consular Court at Shanghai - revision of rules of the - Recites efforts made during 1905 towards securing revision - cites an unpleasant incident brought about by an arbitrary decision of the consular body, regarding the imprisonment of Chinese females, which led to serious results, and the Viceroy has been obliged to depart for Shanghai to effect a settlement. Encl's corresp'ce Tel. Prince Ch'ing and the Legations, the Amer. and German Legations, Tel. the Com. Gen'l and the Legations and Chinese authorities and Minutes of Meeting of Shanghai Consular Corps - Also Corresp'ce Tel. the German Leg. and Prince Ch'ing and the Consul Gen'l at Shanghai. —	2/5.
	C 179	" 24	Indemnity - Encl's clippings of a speech in Interview Tel. Hsin and the N.Y.H. reproduced in all the foreign papers of the East, stating U.S. contemplated paying back to China its share of the -	2/5.
R. '05	C 180	" 26	Educational Reform in China - encl's report of Chinese Secy of the Legation on the history & progress of -	2/5
F.R. '05	C 181	" 27	Indemnity - proposal of Chinese Govt for the settlement of the question of the conversion into gold of amounts paid in silver during the first half of 1905 and for the readjustment of rates of exchange - Encl's note of Dec. 23 from Prince Ch'ing to the German Amb. and reply of same date, which is identical with those sent to Representatives of the other Powers, relating to the Protocol of Sept 7/01.	2/5
	C Tel.	" 28	Treaty bet. Japan and China - "Names of 16 localities to be opened in Manchuria will not be made public until ratifications shall be exchanged, lest Russians establish themselves there immediately - Harbin only one mentioned to me, and that confidentially."	1/28
	C 182	" 28	Same subject - Confirms tel. of Dec. 22 and of Dec 28; also Dep'l tel. Dec 27. States that author of treaty, Baron Komura, pronounced it only "fairly satisfactory". Ratifications he believes, are to be exchanged within 3 months.	2/5

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China		1905.		
Wm W Rockhill, E.E.&M.P.	C 183	Dec. 28	Anti-foreign sentiment - reports spread of largely due to agitation of Chinese students in foreign countries. Encls articles from North China Daily News and Japan Daily Mail rel. to the -	2/5.
For. Rels. Off.	C Tel	" 29	Murder of Amer. Missionaries at Lien Chow - Transmits a note from F.O. 185 with enclosing report of the Viceroy, Canton, on the investigation of the, and findings of Joint Commission. The Viceroy approves findings and asks F.O. to request me instruct C.G. to close case on basis of findings. F.O. therefore asks me to instruct C.G. to settle case at Canton with Viceroy & Legation. Have received also report from C.G. substantially agreeing with Chinese version and declining responsibility. Hadds little to tel. sent you and me by him 184 mist. I am asking him to do so. Imperial edict sent you may 138 orders punishment officials directly responsible and indemnification in principle. If Viceroy is primarily responsible, and incase his severe punishment, I doubt if we can secure it if not prefered he be demanded with strong show force. See my 140. - Requests instructions concerning indemnity and other operations including punishment of officials, and whether cases should be settled by C.G. or by the Legation -	
—	"	" 29	Same subject - Confirms foregoing tel.	
C 184	"	" 30	Currency Reform - Refers to his 168 and encls clipping from North China Daily News reflecting the general view among foreign residents of China regarding the impossibility of securing a uniform coinage under the new regulations.	
		1906		
C 185		Jan 1	Treaty negotiations between China and Japan. Encls clipping from the Japan Daily Mail reflecting Japanese views on the different attitudes of China	2/19
C 186	"	" 3	Ports opened to trade in Manchuria under the treaty between China and Japan Encls clipping from the North China Daily News giving the names of the 16.	2/19
C 187	"	" 5	Student Interpreter S. Hamilton Butler reported for duty under 26.	2/19
C 188	"	" 7	Mixed Court at Shanghai. Refers to 178 and reports change made in the letter of the Dean of the Law Corps to the Consul General	2/19
C 189	"	" 8.	Anti foreign agitation. Confirms tel below and encls letter from Consul General at Shanghai transmitting letter from the American Association.	2/19
C Tel	"	" 9	Same subject. "Have Consul at Shanghai, the American Association of China and myself deem it highly desirable warships remain constantly stationed Shanghai not off Wooming lest bad sentiment and agitation throughout Central China greatly extra precautions."	2/9
C 190	"	" 8	Boycott. Removal of tax at Foochow and Amoy. Encls notes calling attention of F.O. to the, and replies stating action taken by the Chinese authorities	2/19
C Tel	"	" 9.	Fate or whereabouts of Reuben Stitchcock Morley. "Consul of the 2nd Chinese port are making search for Morley. I shall communicate all information received."	2/9.
C 191	"	" 10	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and encls notes to and from F.O.	2/19
C 192	"	" 10.	Treaty negotiations. Russia's desire to show, with China reported. Enumerates points which are said to be included in Russian proposals	2/19
C 193	"	" 11	Boycott. Refers to 164 and encls note to the F.O. protesting against a similar misstatement of the Vice Roy of the two Kwang provinces, regard to the revision of Immigration laws in U.S.	2/19
John Gardner Coolidge, Esq. C	—	" 12	Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. requested	2/19
Wm W Rockhill, E.E.&M.P. C	194.	" 12	Same subject. Forwards the foregoing with his approval	2/19
C Tel		" 12.	Postal Service. "Ref to Conger's despatch 1826, all the Americans here and Kiukiang complained to me very great delay delivery home mails which are still handled by the French. They request forwarding them directly from Yokohama by the Japanese and in China by the Chinese. Consul. Very desirable."	2/12
C 195	"	" 13	Changes in the personnel of Chinese central and provincial administrations. Encls memo. relative to recent, with special mention of Tuan Fang one of the Commissioners of the U.S. and Na-Tung of the F.O.	2/19
For. Rels. Off. C	196	" 13	Right of a missionary to acquire property in his own name in the interior of China does not appear to have been granted by the treaty of 1903 which only recognizes the right of missionary societies. Encls his letter to Rev. E.O. Bacon on the subject.	2/26
C Tel		" 13	Mukden. Inquires whether the Japs Govt will now permit the Consul General to proceed to his post at	2/13

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Wm. W. Rockhill, Chargé. For. Rels. 06.	197	Jan 15.	Coaling ports in the gulf of Pechili. Refers to 172 and encs note from F.O. stating action taken and results achieved by the Chinese Navy.	2/16.
For. Rels. 06.	C 198	" 17	Port of Chinanfu opened to foreign trade and residence on Jan 10. Encs note transmitting the Regulations for the leasing of land and the Building of Houses and the police Regulations.	2/26.
Thos. W. Haskins, Asst Chinese—	C	" 18	Leave of 60 days to visit the U.S. requested	2/26
Wm. W. Rockhill	C 199	" 18	Same enclosed. Transmits the foregoing note for his approval	2/26
For. Rels. 06.	C 200	" 18.	Mining regulations. Encs F.O. reply to his protest in 177 explaining that Regulation VII is only intended to prevent private sales among Chinamen and that American citizens can obtain permits to open mines through the Chinese officials.	2/26
	C 201	" 18.	Mukden. Confirms tel. of Jan 13, comments on the restrictions put upon foreign trade and merchants by the Japanese in Manchuria and believes that the advent of A.G. Chesterni at Mukden would largely contribute to hasten the return of normal trade conditions.	2/26.
	C 202	" 19	Rehabilitation of Major Chu Ching Lan, degraded in 1904. Refers to legation's 1659 of July 1904. and encs despatch from New Chwang transmitting petition of the Chamber of Commerce and guilds for the Rehabilitation. Recommends favorable action.	2/26.
	C 203	" 19.	Postal Service. Confirms and amplifies tel. of Jan 12 and encs protest from American residents of Peking against the French postal service	2/26.
	204	" 20	Newspapers for legation. N.Y. Tribune and Washington Post requested	3/17
	C 205	" 21	Efficiency report on subordinate officers of the legation	3/17
For. Rels. 06.	C 206	" 21.	Mining Regulations. Ref's 76; refers to dis. 153 and 177 and requests further instructions. The British and German Ministers are endeavoring to induce the Chinese Govt to recast the regulations in the spirit of the Brit. and Am treaties	3/7
	C 207	" 23.	Inspection of wool and hides. Proposal of the Vice Roy of the Shen. Kan provinces for the establishment of an official hong, through which all purchases should be made. Encs note from F.O. submitting same, and reply stating objections of American merchants.	3/7
	C 208	" 23.	Claims growing out of the recent Mixed Court Riots at Shanghai for over $20000 have been filed by British subjects, only six claims amounting to not more than $500 have been filed by Americans; responsibility of the Chinese Govt is not clear. Encs corrs with Consul General at Shanghai and newspaper articles	3/7
		" 23	Passport blanks requested	3/7
For. Rels. 06.	C 209	" 23	Tradello vs Russian protection of. Refs Dip. Inst of Nov 6. and 70. and encs note to foreign Ministers advising them that the word punishment must be understood to refer to a civil action only. Consuls have been similarly instructed.	3/7
	C 210	" 26	Interview of J. W. (Tientsin) Brown with the President on the subject of the boycott. Encs clippings from the China Review to us, a letter from James H. McCann and a clipping from the N.C. Herald of Shanghai discloses the man's character	3/7
	C Tel	" 27	Marriage of the President's daughter. "The Emperor and Empress Dowager sending wedding presents to Miss Roosevelt consisting of two rings, pair earrings, five skin robes, silks. How do you wish them sent."	3/27
	211	Feb 2	Jamestown Tricentennial. Invitation has been referred to various Depts	3/23
Capt Henry Leonard, Mil Atta Wm. W. Rockhill, Chargé.		" 3	Report of Amb. Rockhill requested	3/23
	C Tel	" 4	Tate or whereabouts. "Latest information Morley was the statement of Livergent to Jameson that he left Morley about Sept 10th near Jehol, the latter refusing to return to Tientsin and intending to travel further in Mongolia. He had not a passport. Chinese Govt are making inquiries but no further information yet."	4/4.
	212	" 5	Customs facilities for Architect Sid N. Healy, requested	3/28
For. Rels. 06.	C 213	" 7.	Mixed Court at Shanghai. Revision of the rules. Refers to 178 and encs corrs with Consul General Rodgers and articles of Shanghai newspapers insisting the purchase of the Municipal Council to achieve virtual independence.	3/15
	C 214	" 5.	Treaty negotiations between Russia and China. First meeting of the plenipotentiaries took place Feb 28. Refers to 192	3/

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Wm W Rockhill Stamps	215	Feb 6	Duty on prints. R. to Circ of Jan 9.	3/25
C	216	" 8	Complaint of W Bourke Cockran. Explains circumstances under which tel referred to in his of 7th was not delivered	3/25
C	217	" 8	Fate or whereabouts of Reuben Hitchcock Moseley. Transmits such information as the Legation possesses and correspondence with Consul Jameson and Consul General at Shanghai	3/25
C	218	" 8	Chinese Commission to the U.S. Encs note from Prince Ch'ing expressing gratitude for the reception accorded to the.	3/25
	219	" 8	Legation new buildings. Accounts from Oct 1 to Jan 15, transmitted. Architect Healy left for the U.S. on Dec 25.	3/25
C	220	" 9	Salary of Chinese Secretary. Increase of the, to $5000 recommended. Efficiency of Mr Williams deserves the recognition.	3/25
C	221	" 9	Student Interpreters. Hubert G. Baugh. Report of the 2nd Examination of	3/25
	222	" 9	List of Dept's Circ of Dec 28.	3/25
C	223	" 10	Permission secured for Frank McElroy, Agent of the Agriculture Dept, to travel in Manchuria. Encs corresp with the Legation at Tokyo	3/25
	224	" 12	Foreign office. T'ang Shao-i, a graduate of Columbia college, has been appointed Junior Vice President of the Board of Foreign Affairs. Decree Encl	3/25
For. Rels. 06. C	225	" 13	Mining Regulations. Ref to 200 and encs note to F.O. meeting that Art 7 shall be amended so as not to conflict with the treaty of 1903.	3/25
C	Encl	" 13	Boycotting Criminal of Americans in the sense of China." Vice-Consul Penney informed me, quote. Was obliged to offer my resignation to Viceroy on account of attitude of officials of the new educational board toward me and my work. Viceroy has not accepted my resignation but has asked me to take charge of a company selected students and go with them America. Educational officials consider it intolerable that a foreigner should be exercising control of the rest schools. I have no reason to think my being an American enters especially into the matter. I am told that the Japs. are inciting them to crowd me out but have no positive proof of this. End of quotation. End Opinion foreigners all nationalities in Province Japs are responsible for action of Viceroy. I reserve my opinion on this. I will make inquiry at once about other reported cases"	
C	Encl	" 14	Same subject. Have seen Inspector Genl Customs. He says he received a petition from Foochow asking for Drew's transfer elsewhere and threatening trouble during Ne. He writes F.O. asking effective measures be taken to prevent trouble. F.O. wired Viceroy. He replied there was no cause for apprehension. Inspector Genl mentioned no other case. There was not demand for dismissal."	3/14
C	226	" 14	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and encs Bishop Penney's letter	3/25
	227	" 15	Province. Neglect of Consul Genl. Ragsdale to keep the Legation informed, brought to the notice of the Dept.	3/20
C	228	" 14	Riots at Chiang Ch'iu Hsien, Province. Destruction of British and Catholic Mission buildings. Encs note to F.O. and replies stating action taken by the authorities.	3/25
	229	" 16	Postal and Customs Agreements between China and Germany. Encs circulars of the Inspector General of Customs relative to. Calls attention to Art 1 of Chinese Customs agreement stipulating a 20% contribution from import duties to the expenses of the Imperial Customs.	3/25
	230	" 16	Mines and Railways. Present Chinese policy in regard to. Encs editorial of the North China Daily News discussing the	3/25
	Encl	" 15	Chinese Commission. Alleged indignity to the "Confidential Private letter received here from a member of Chinese High Commission says that on arriving there the authorities attempted bodily examination Commissioners but desisted only taking finger prints &c of the secretaries. I fear effect of this report spreads. Can I, if necessary, deny it."	
	231	" 17	Same subject. Text of letter & envelope. The Commissioners left Peking with great secrecy to avoid public demonstrations. Left at end of September	3/25
	232	" 17	Province. Recognition has been granted U.S. Consul Genl W.B. Hall	3/25

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3/23	Wm. W. Rockhill. Elliott & Tel		Feb 19.	Student Interpreters. "Can decline examine student interpreters Shanghai Nanychow. take on Trustees to ascertain progress efficiency."	3/19
3/23	C Tel		" 22	Anti foreign agitation. "Reports published here of great uneasiness in the U.S. concerning the situation in China. I have conferred with all my colleagues. none of us see any cause for undue apprehension while considering caution and watchfulness always necessary. Missionary troubles no more common than usual. All, including Shanghai forces, due to local causes. Only pronounced general feeling noticeable is the determination of the Chinese to secure entire economic exploitation of their Empire. The Govt of China to alive importance of preventing hostility toward foreigners. Formally cautioned by recently by Japan to do so. Chinese Govt. declared its determination to do so on all occasions. Boycott may continue with local friction and irritation but to all here it seems highly improbable anything more serious likely to occur in near future. None of our Consuls or of the other nationalities apprehensive."	3/22
3/23	C 233		" 23	Conservancy of the Whangpoo. Encs joint note protesting against the appointment of a Resident Administrator in violation of Art I of the Revised Agreement of Sept 27, 1905. Jan de Rijke, a dutch engineer, has been put in charge of the work	4/2
3/23	234		" 23	Railway building in Corea and Manchuria by the Japanese Govt. during and since the war. Encs article of the Japan Daily Mail on the.	4/2
3/23	235		" 23	Vice Roy of the Liang Kiang Provinces, Liên Chêng-hsuan Secrets of the, published in the North China Daily News. Encl	4/2
3/23	236		" 23.	Canton Hankow Railway. Popular subscription for the building of the has been started to take the controlling interest out of the hands of the Roy Govt	4/2
3/23	237		" 24.	Military defence of the North Western frontier. Sec T.O and Board of Revenue have recommended an expenditure of 2½ million taels for the	3/24
3/23	C Tel		" 24.	Surrender of land purchased by the Standard Oil Co. "Your tel. rec'd. I fully instructed Consul at Nanking Nov 6th on basis your tel. rec'd Nov 5th. Chinese authorities then conciliatory. Standard Oil also. Consul assumed me Nov. 27th was carrying out instruction with prospect success. I will take up question again at once but suggest Co. try to do something jointly with Consul at Nanking also." Co objects to him as weak and not presenting their side of the question."	3/24.
3/23	C 238		" 26	Anti foreign agitation. Confirms tel of Feb 22 and states facts and observations on which it is based. Encs clippings from the Shanghai North China Daily News.	4/2
3/23	C 239		" 27	Withdrawal of foreign troops from Pechili province. Meeting of diplomatic corps accepted the principle but failed to agree on the date.	4/2
3/23	240		" 28	"82 acked	4/2
3/23	C 241		" 28	Fate or whereabouts of Reuben Hitchcock Morley. Encs note from the F.O. reporting the visit of Morley to Jehol in July and a copy of Morley's letter to the authorities at that place	4/2
3/23	C 242		" 28	Exhibition, Japanese, at Mukden from May 6 July. Encs notice published in the China Times. All foreigners are included, hows that Consul General at Mukden will be allowed to proceed to his post before the end of the Exhibition	4/2
3/23	C 243		" 28	Robbery of Rev Dr Beattie's property. Encs note to the F.O. bringing the to its knowledge, and reply that offenders had been arrested and the property recovered	4/2
3/23	C 244		" 28	Immigration Treaty. Opposition in Shanghai to any, that will not admit laborers into the U.S. Reports conversation with Under Secretary Tang of the F.O. who declares himself opposed to a new treaty.	4/2
	C Tel		Mch 2.	Boycott and anti foreign agitation. "In an interview with Prince Ching this afternoon I handed him the President's message and left copy with him. He replied as soon as first demand that grave and disturbing rumors were in circulation but originating with revolutionists and students. The great mass of the people thoroughly loyal. Govt would take effective measures as any serious attempt 1900 would prove fatal to dynasty. To be recognized obligation to deal sternly with any anti foreign agitation. To be recognized obligation. To keep Shanghai conditions were embarrassing. Ironical matter reply in few days saying that relations between the two countries had been more disturbed during the last year than ever before to the great sorrow of the Government which was very desirous of strengthening friendly relations."	

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China				
Wm. W. Rockhill, Elmer R.	C 245.	Mar 4	Surrender of land purchased by the Standard Oil Co. Text of tel. from and to Dept. Co alleges that land was purchased by Co's agent under his Chinese name outside of the treaty port limits and that no permit was asked for the storage of large quantities of oil creating serious danger to a dense population. Encls and dispatches correspondence with the Consul at Nanking and the Co's agent at Shanghai	4/18.
	C 246	" 5	Boycott and anti foreign agitation. Text of tel. from and to Dept. relative to visit at length interview with Prince Ching.	4/18.
	C 247	" 5.	Treaty negotiations between Russia and China. Refers to 192 and encls clipping from the China Times purporting to communicate the demands of Russia and state the present stage of negotiations.	4/18.
	C 248	" 5.	Anti foreign agitation. British Minister's report to his Govt practically agrees with that in 238 but admits the weakness of the Imperial Govt and urges the presence of warships in provincial waters.	4/18.
	C 249	" 5.	Prohibition of morphia. Encls note of the British Minister to the diplomatic Corps urging steps for the carrying out of the provisions in the English and American treaties.	4/18
	C 250	" 7	Anti foreign agitation. Encls Imperial Edict deprecating anti. and ordering steps to suppress it	4/18
For. Rels. 06.	C 251	" 7	Riots at Chowping and Nanchang appear to have been caused by the mis-direction of Catholic missionaries, encls notes to F.O. urging measures to prevent or suppress disturbances and replies stating action taken. Only three cases in which missionaries of sects not interested are pending adjudication, all about ownership of lands unlikely to create trouble	4/18.
	C 252	" 7	Index Card Cabinet and cards requested	4/18
	C Tel	" 8	Boycott and anti foreign agitation. "The reply of Prince Ch'ing your tel. of the 26th Feb received today. He says, in substance, that ever since 1900, Chinese Govt conscious of the past errors and anxious of safeguarding future has never failed pursuit maintenance cordial relations with all the countries and those with them have been especially friendly. In reply to the Seattle tel. he desired to say that any suspicion existing Chinese Govt forgets international obligations and fosters spirit hostility in people towards Americans or encourages anti foreign movements has origin in unfounded rumors circulating in foreign countries and is not worthy of credence. Chinese people know the declarations of the Govt are not empty talk. The country is quiet and there is no such thing as anti foreign movements. An officer of the Govt has been sent to investigate Nanchang riot and take action. Cause of trouble quite other than anti foreign feeling. As to boycott the Govt took stringent and prompt action forbidding it from the first and as a result the situation for some time past has been quiet. The Govt has consciously performed its duty and Local authorities have been correct in carrying out orders. The Emperor now publishes edict stating present situation is full of difficulty for the Govt and maintenance most friendly relations with the foreign powers most essential; all authorities must take every precaution to protect lives and property foreigners; if protection inadequate local authorities will be severely punished. Students warned against interference in foreign questions and people called to union and absolute repect of treaties. Edict sent you by mail yesterday. Opinion general that edict is satisfactory so far as it goes."	
	C 253	" 6	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and encls note from Prince Ching	4/15.
For. Rels. 06.	C 254	" 9	Mixed Court at Shanghai. Revision of the rules. Encls reply of U.S. Consul to Consular Amendments motion by the Chinese Govt in "178 and set of rules likely to be agreed to; encls letter to Consul General at Shanghai covering him also the papers and duties of the Consular corps as above.	4/11.
	Tel	" 10	Boycott and anti foreign agitation. "Your instruction 91 received same day as your cable instructions Feb 26. Shall I carry out instructions now"	3/10.
	C Tel	" 13	Fate or whereabouts of R. H. Morley: "Nothing to add to my tel of Feb 9th. Have searched Catholic Missionaries Eastern Mongolia. Not yet received reply"	3/12.

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Hon. W. Rockhill, Peking.	255.	Mar. 13.	"93 asked	4/15
	256	" 14.	Conditions in China and the Trend of Chinese Politics. Article of Edward S. Little, a British resident of Shanghai, transmitted.	4/16
	257	" 14	Visit of Prince Su-a-ka-ta to the U.S. Am's note from the F.O. rel. to the intended, after his course of studies in Japan	4/19.
For. Rels. 06.	258	" 14	Indemnity. Newbaud to be signed by China in accordance with the agreement of July 2, 1905, in "113. Instructions requested	4/18
	259	" 17.	Boycott and anti foreign agitation. Ack's rec'd of Gillard's 13 and reports at length interview with Act'g Min. for For. Affs. Chung in regard to the punishment of the Viceroy of the Liang Kiang provinces. Similar action will probably be taken by the British and French Ministers, who will be backed up by the presence of a strong naval force in the waters of the provinces of Kiang Su.	4/23
For. Rels. 06.	260	" 17	Riot at Nan-ch'ang. Am's newspaper account of this, in which Catholic and Protestant missionaries were murdered. Comments upon the bitter animosity prevailing between the Catholic and Protestant missionaries and converts.	4/25.
	261	" 20	Currency question in China. Am's article of the London Times on the different	4/25
For. Rels. 06.	262	" 20	Educational Reform in China. Efforts toward securing for graduates of Missionary Schools the same advantages enjoyed by the graduates of Govt institutions. Am's correspondence with the Foochow University.	4/25
	Tel	" 19	Memorial Letter. "Cannot deliver letter to the Emperor referred in your despatch No 94. It is incorrectly addressed. Emperor's personal name is never used. It should be addressed His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China. Please send a new one."	3/19
	263	" 21	Same subject. Confirms and explains the foregoing. Returns letter	4/25
	264	" 24.	"96 asked	5/7
	265	" 26	Mining volumes of the U.S. Statutes at Large, requested	5/7
C	Tel	" 26	Robbery of Rev. Beattie's property. "Your tel. in reference to Beattie. Cg. at Canton reports four of gang arrested but no property recovered. Permanent guard of 30 men now stationed adjoining mission."	3/26
C	266	" 26	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and quotes Mr. to & from Cg. at Canton	5/7
	267	" 26	Currency question in China. Refers to 261 and quotes article in the London Times on its new silver coinage of China.	5/7
	268	" 26	Educational Reform. Comments on the large number of Chinese sent abroad but chiefly to Japan and the resulting spirit of anarchism. Am's article of the North China Daily News and Herald of 6 Chinese books entitled "Principles of Anarchism."	5/7
	Tel	" 26	Foreign trade of China. Complete returns just received for foreign trade calendar year 1905. It shows large increase in imports American sheetings and drills over 1904. Trade in all foreign entries well sustained except Russian and American Oil. Exports show falling off in silks and cassias but total revenue shows an increase of 2½ millions Haikwan taels over 1904.	4/26.
For. Rels. 06.	269	" 27.	Patents and Copyrights. Legislation governing will be taken up by the Chinese Govt as soon as an agreement has been reached by foreign powers on the trade mark regulations. Protection is, as heretofore, refused by local authorities to patents and copyrights registered at Consulates.	5/7
	270	" 29	Mail service of the French Post Office Ass'n. '92 and sets forth the objectionable features of the, as therein instructed	5/7
	271	" 31	Foochow Recognition has been granted to V.C. Consul Baker at	5/7
For. Rels. 06.	272	Apl 2	Riot at Nan-ch'ang. Refers to 260 and trans's report of Consul at Hankow.	5/11
	273	" 3	Chefoo Am's letter to Consul correcting announcements made by him to effect of certain changes among Chinese officials.	5/11
For. Rels. 06.	274	" 3	Indemnity. Patriotic and successful effort to pay the Tsinan fund furnished by popular subscriptions without official interference, reported	5/11
C	Tel	" 5	Robbery. In reference to my tel. of Mar. 26, the Cg. at Canton now reports Beattie & But. subject The case has been settled to by the Tutai Cg.	4/5.
	275	" 5	Currency Reform. Am's duplicate of instruction in "184 as requested in 102	5/11

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Wm W Rockhill, Envoy Extr. &c.	276	April 5	Riot at Changsha. Encl report of Consul at Amoy on.	5/11
	277	" 6	Mail from Peking and Tientsin for the U.S. will in future be sent directly to Tokyo instead of Shanghai, thus saving several days. Ref to 270	5/11
	Tel	" 6	Americans in Chinese service. Chas D Jameson, american citizen, has been appointed by Chinese Govt. architect for F.O. buildings here.	5/6.
	Tel	" 6	Legation new buildings. What balance available as building appropriation.	5/6.
	278	" 7	Boycott at Hankow. Enc's note from F.O. in reply to representations of the Legation. It says that the movement had been stopped but that foreigners were nevertheless sued	6/2
	279	" 9	Robbery of Dr. Beattie. Confirms tel of April 5 and encs correspce with Con at Canton	6/2
	280	" 9	Tientsin Recognition granted to U.S. Ct. Pontius.	6/2
	281	" 9	Shanghai. Usurpation of authority by and obvious efforts of the Municipal Council to ignore the Consular and diplomatic representatives. Refers to 213 and encs report from Assistant Interpreter Arnold giving instances of, and urging representation of American interests in the Council whose at present is entirely British.	6/2
	"	" 11	Hwangho or Yellow River. Condition of the. Report of the Customs Service thereon	6/2
	282	" 11	Property in Legations' quarter sold to K Squiers by Ch'en has not yet been paid for	6/2
	283	" 14	Riots in the province of Honan. Encs letter to Ch. at Hankow rel to the suppression of	6/2
	284	" 14	Claims British growing out of the mixed court riots at Shanghai have been presented with amount of $50000 less by the Brit Min who insists upon direct settlement in Peking. Ref to 108.	6/2
	285	" 16	Riots in South Western Shantung. Encs note from the F.O. rel to measures taken to suppress, and letter to Consul General at Chefoo.	6/2
	286	" 17	Antagonism between Catholic and Protestant missionaries and converts illustrated by articles published in the North China Daily News by both parties making charges and counter charges. Explores the condition to which much of the recent rioting can be attributed	6/2
C	287	" 18	Claim of the Mukden Pilot Co against Russia for the loss of the pilot boat Suilai during the war. Encs Co's statement and report from Consul Simmons	6/2
	288	" 19	Indebtedness. Student Interpreter G. Hamilton Butler acknowledges the, referred to in dispo 115 and has written to Dodd Mead & Co	6/2
	289	" 21	Riots and local disturbances in China during 1905. Report on the, and other cases	6/2
	290	" 23	Newspapers for Legation. Renewal of subscription requested	6/2
	Tel	" 23	Disaster at San Francisco. F.O. has just informed me the Empress Dowager will send me tomorrow 100,000 taels for the relief sufferers San Francisco. She sending also 50,000 for the relief of the Chinese subjects there.	4/13.
	291	" 24	Domestic Slavery in China. Abolition of. recommended in Memorial of the Viceroy of the Liang Kiang.	6/2
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 24	Riot at Nanchang. Edict removes Governor of Kiangsi from office and punishes provincial judge and treasurer for Nanchang riot.	4/25
	Tel	" 24	Disaster at San Francisco. "To whom in San Francisco shall I remit the 100000 tael gift of Empress Dowager to sufferers which I have now received."	4/14
	Tel	" 25	Same subject. "Your tel. rec'd. Have seen Min for Fin. and expressed great appreciation for the kind offer of their Majesties and returned thanks."	4/25.
	292	" 25.	113 acres	6/2
C	293	" 26	Passport refused to Angel John dela Cruz and Matthew Joseph Young, Filipinos, who failed to prove they were residents of the Islands at the time of the transfer	6/2
	294	" 26	Americans in the service of China. Refers to the appointment of Chas D Jameson as engineer and architect and comments on the friendliness shown to Americans by Chinese officials in Peking and Tientsin who were associated with him	6/2
For. Rels. 06.	295	" 26	Riot at Nanchang. Confirms tel. of April 25 and encs edict thereon referred to. Peremptory claims are to be promptly and satisfactorily settled	6/2
	296	" 26	Disaster at San Francisco. Gift of the Empress Dowager. Text of telegrams to and from Dept and note from and to F.O.	6/2
For. Rels. 06.	297	" 27	Mining Regulations. Objectionable, will soon be interdrawn and a new set submitted in the future for approval. Encs note to and from F.O. Reply at 314.	6/2

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Wm. W. Rockhill, Envoy	298	Apr 18	Disaster at San Francisco. Em's note of F.O. ack'g return of Empress' gift	4/30
	"	30	Violation of trade marks. Mtg convention with Japan for elim; refers to 345 from Japan	
	299	May 5	Convention between Great Britain and China concerning Tibetan affairs was sign'd at Peking April 27 but will not be published until ratified by Great Britain.	6/12
	300	" 3	Student Interpreters. Report and recommendations of F.D. Cleveland transd & duells with necessity of increasing the salaries and establishing a fair system of promotion.	6/12
	301	" 3	Chinese students sent to America. Refers to 296 and quotes from letter of Dr Charles D Tenney rel. to his appointment as Director of Chinese Students in America and England. Refers to precedent in 1872	6/12
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 3	Antung. Opening of the port. "Chinese Govt informs me it will be ready in a few days to select at Antung suitable locality for international settlement and otherwise comply with Art 12 of our treaty of 1903. Japan has told me that has authorized by his Govt to cooperate with us in the matter as well as for similar objects later on at Mukden and that he will send duly empowered agent to Antung to discuss and agree on these matters jointly with American and Chinese representatives. Can I instruct C.G. at Kiukiang to go to Antung as soon as his presence needed there and duly empower him to agree to site of settlement and regulations subject to your approval? The settlement of these questions at Mukden will take place on or after June 1st. We must send one there for same object."	6/3
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 5	Claims for losses in Liuchow riots. "C.G. of the U.S. at Canton reports that Presbyterian mission has filed two claims for losses Liuchow one of $2000 odd Mex dollars, their loses another for nine odd thousand Mex dollars for their convert' losses. The mission does not seek money indemnity for deaths. C.G. says Chinese authorities willing pay converts' claims if it is presented by us."	6/7.
For. Rels. 06.	302	" 9	Same subject. Confirms foregoing and encs lists furnished by C.G.	6/11
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 9	Customs Service of China. "Imperial Edict issued today places all the Customs of China and all the foreigners employed therein under the control of Tieh-liang who is appointed Min Supt Customs affairs vice T'ang Shao-yi as Vice Minister"	5/9
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 10	Same subject. "Hart sees Inspector General Customs. He evidently fears Edict may lead to the subversion present service unless the Powers strongly protest. I have also seen T'ang Shao-yi. He said that Customs revenue already hypothecated and they will not be touched; treaties and pledges will be observed. Inspector Genl will be an Englishman, but as Inspector General is servant of China she has the right to control him. I will report at once any action Powers interested in the loans of '96 and '98."	5/10.
	303	" 7.	Robbery of Dr Andrew Beattie Am: 128 and refers to leg's 279, Incident presented as characteristic of old standing conditions in Canton	6/29
	304.	" 7.	Ceremonial letter in 122 has been delivered through the F.O.	6/29
	305	" 7.	Books in " 120 have been delivered as directed	6/29
	306	" 8.	Trade Returns for 1905 transmitted; comments on the "Boycott" brought to the attention of the Dept	6/29
For. Rels. 06.	307	" 14	Indemnity Bonds. Ass's and reports compliance with Dept's tel of Apl 29	6/14
	308	" 15	Congress of Lawyers and Jurists. Em's subst of report of proceedings in Circ of Mar 10	6/29
	309	" 15	Passports refused to Angel John dela Cruz and Matthew Joseph Young born in China of Filipino parentage. Reports given for his action	6/29
	310	" 15	Same subject. Refusal cards transmitted	6/29
For. Rels. 06.	311	" 15	Customs Service of China. Confirms tel of May 9 & 10 (above); reports at length interview with Inspector General Roberts and new Associate Minister T'ang Shao-yi; encs decree referred to in tel of May 9 and memorandum concerning Tieh-liang's antecedents and tendencies.	6/25
	312	" 16	Exposition of St Louis. Em's note of thanks to the F.O. directed by Circ of Mar 20	6/25
	Tel	" 17	Amoy. "Pasdoca telegraphs from Amoy that he is ordered there and asks for credentials. I have received no instructions."	6/17
	Tel	" 19	Land purchase by H.B. Squiers. "Ref T Amoy 169, cannot consistently endorse named debt for one who is in the greatest distress."	5/17

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Wm. W. Rockhill, Esq. U.S. For. Rels. 06.	Tel	May 21	Customs service of China. The British and the German dip. reps. have recd replies to their inquiries concerning Customs edict. They are indefinite and generally considered unsatisfactory. The British sent second note Saturday. I have recd a note from the Wai-wu-pu in reply to my inquiry. It is absolutely non committal. Most of the dip. reps. here are instructed to support Gt Britain in insisting on satisfactory promise for the future. Shall I join with them. The question is a serious and far reaching one."	5/21.
	Tel	" 21	Opening of Antung and Mukden. "Sammons started for Antung and Mukden 19th. Can he draw on dept for necessary expenses?"	5/21
For. Rels. 06.	313	" 24	Missionary rights under the treaty of 1903. Encs note to F.O. complaining of the refusal of Magistrate at Siang-tan to stamp deeds unless reference to the Society's nationality were omitted and favorable reply.	7/13
	314	" 24.	"140 asked".	7/13
For. Rels. 06.	315	" 25	Mixed Court at Shanghai. Revision of the rules. Refs "136 and refers to dis "154. Encs note to F.O. urging reply to that dated in 254.	7/13
	316	" 28	Amoy. Exequatur has been granted to Consul Paddock. Text of letter of Patent	7/13
For. Rels. 06.	317	" 29	Japanese Settlement at Antung has already laid hold on all desirable sites but other nations are not likely to dispute the trade of the land, which according to Chinese newspaper clippings is most promising.	7/13
	318	" 30	Trade of Manchuria. Intent and work of Japan to divert the, from Newchwang to Dalny. Encs newspaper report of a lecture of the Japs Vice Minister of Communications disclosing the.	7/13.
	319	June 6.	Educational reform in China. Refers to 180 and encs report from Fenhan on the demand for school supplies.	7/16
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 7	Customs Service of China. "British Chargé d'affaires informs me Chinese Govt declares that the decree appointing the High Commissioner makes no change in the administration of Maritime Customs which, it is stipulated, shall remain as at present constituted, during the currency of the loans of 1896 and 98. British Govt has declared itself satisfied".	6/7
	320	" 8.	Embargo on cattle at Amoy. Shipment of several hundred head to the Philippines having been forbidden on the ground of scarcity of supply, permission to export was obtained by the legation contending that previous notice should have been given, under the treaty, but future exports will be prohibited. Refers to Legation's "1628 of 1903 and encs correspt with F.O.	7/16.
	321	" 8.	Publications for the Bureaus of Statistics and Trade Relations are regularly forwarded. Reply to Circ of Apl 10.	7/16.
	322	" 8	Postal Convention between the U.S. and China. Insists on the necessity of an Encs arrangement signed Feb 1, 1900 which never went into effect, and existing arrangement of China with Japan and Hongkong	7/16
	323	" 12.	"146 asked. Refers to legation's 316.	7/16
For. Rels. 06.	324	" 12.	Chinese account of the Liuchow riots. Encs dupl of May 9, reports action taken thereon and confirms report of the 5th inst.	7/16
For. Rels. 06.	325	" 12.	Copyright Convention. Refs "137, points out that there is no such, as mentioned by L. E. Reibold, and that the treaty of 1903 provides that the protection of trade marks must first be provided for.	7/16
For. Rels. 06.	326	" 13	Judicial Reforms. Encs memorial of Wu Ting fang and Shen Chia-pen, Commissioners for the revision of the codes, recommending the establishment of courts by giving another recognition of the lawyer's profession	7/16
For. Rels. 06.	327	" 13.	Customs Service of China. Confirms tel. of June 7, and encs note from the British Chargé, and this and corresp with the F.O. Expresses doubt as to the wisdom of Chinese assurances.	7/16
For. Rels. 06.	328	" 14.	Unrest and distress in China. Encs Empress Dowager's Edict ascribing the, to heavy taxation made necessary by the foreign indemnity and to natural causes, and enjoining faithful and diligent discharge of duties upon officials	7/16
	329	" 15.	Manchuria Commercial policy of Japan. Reports general dissatisfaction with the and encs articles on the subject, one of which asserts deliberate violation of open door promises.	7/16

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John Gardner Coolidge, Esq Wm W. Rockhill, Esq	329	June 5.	Resignation tendered to take effect on successor's arrival. Encs letter to Pres't	6/16.
	330	" 15.	Prohibition of morphia. "143 has been complied with.	7/16
	Tel	" 20.	Chinese students sent to America "Tenyo sails for Seattle by the Tango Maru Expected to arrive about the middle of July."	6/20
John G. Coolidge, Esq Wm W. Rockhill	Tel	" 21	Transfer respectfully declined.	6/21
	Tel	" 22	Same subject "Coolidge Japan on leave. Your tel forw'd to him. He sailed one week ago his resignation this post. I have strongly recommended Phillips for vacancy in letter to President."	6/22
	331	" 25	Prohibition of morphia "Owing to attitude of France and Germany, British Minister will not press the question further Re to 330	8/6.
For. Rels. 06.	332	" 26	Opening of Mukden and Antung to foreign trade and residence. Reports action taken on Dep's tel's of May 5, 9. and 10. Encs corres with F.O. and instructions to Consul General Jamieson, describes objections to proposition made by the Chinese Govt	8/6.
For. Rels. 06.	333	" 28	Trade Marks. "Reciprocal protection of Enc's note exchanged with the Russian Minister for the.	8/6a
	334.	" 28.	Surrender of land purchased by the Standard Oil Co Refers to 2445 and reports terms of settlement accepted by the Co	8/6
	335	" 29.	Death of Wang Kai Kah Encs ack't of the resolution of condolence in Dep's tel 134.	8/6.
	336	" 29.	Manchuria. Trade Conditions in. Report on, published in the North China Daily News by a well known Shanghai firm. Encl states that the Chinese authorities, civil and military are mainly responsible for the.	8/6
	337	" 29	Trade Returns and Reports forwarded	8/6
	338.	" 31	Legation new buildings. Drafts for $ 14127.31 advised	8/6
	339	July	Passport Returns—	8/17
208-	340	" 5	Exposition Jap., at Mukden—Newspaper article indicating that the—referred to in 242 will probably take place in October next.	8/17
213.	341	" 5	Legation new buildings—final report on appearance and equipment of the—Contingent allowance—Requests continuance of present amount of $3600. to meet increased cost of keeping the new and old buildings in repair.	8/17
For. Rels. 06. 214.	342	" 6	Riots at Nan-ch'ang—Settlement agreed to by Amer & Brit. Legations. Reach reduced orig. demand of 400 000 taels for lives & property to 247,000 taels and waived demand for punishment—the British will receive indemnity of 30,000 taels and insist on punishment of 3 confessed murderers Encl's text of final agreement and proclamation	8/17
221	343	" 6	Manchuria—Jap. interests in—organization of So. Manch. R'way Joint Stock Co by the Jap. Govt for the working of the Eastern Chinese R'way and the Fushun Coal Mines	8/17.
215	344	" 7	Revolutionary Agitation—Encl's articles of Chinese newspaper revealing increased unrest in the provinces, caused by the wide spread distress referred to in this Desp.	8/17
	345	" 10	Meeting of the Assn of Mil. Surgeons at Buffalo—China accepts invitation to send delegates	8/17
226.	346	" 10	Whereabouts or fate of Reuben H. Morley—Reports details of fruitless effort to trace him; suspicion of foul play on part of Le Verger, and encl's Consul's	8/17.
205.	347	" 13	Manchuria—Russian interests in—Agreements signed in 1901 and 1902 by Russia agents with local authorities for the operation of railways and mines in No. Manchuria. Efforts of Russian Govt to secure recognition and confirmation by Chinese Govt heretofore unsuccessful—	8/17-
230.	348	" 13	Indemnity Bond—proof of printed forms submitted in accordance with Dep't tel. Apr 29.	8/17
	349	" 13	Pouches—Circ. May 15, covering despatch & receipt of, not received.	8/17
	350	" 13	Publication—Returns of Trade & Trade Reports, 1905, Part II, Vol. V.	8/17
	351	" 13	Leave of absence of 45 days to visit Japan during Oct. and Nov. requested—	8/17
For. Rels. 06.	Tel.	" 14	Opening of Mukden and Antung to foreign trade & residence—"Concerning M. & A. Cons. Jamieson's reports &c.	7/14
For. Rels. 06.	Tel.	" 14	Indemnity for losses of missionaries at Liaoyang—"I have already instructed Leg in accordance &c.	7/14
For. Rels. 06. 143	352	" 16	Opening of Mukden and Antung as Promise has been made by F.O. immediately to establish Custom House at Antung and to press negotiations with Russia and Japan for the	8/25
For. Rels. 06. 546	353	" 18	Opening of Chang-tê-fu to foreign trade and residence—Draft of regulations for for. settlement enclosed. Objections by Legation to articles limiting leases to a period of 30 years and referring to China policing of settlement	8/25
For. Rels. 06. 557	354	" 18	Manchuria—open door in—Investigation by Mr Bell and Mr Straight of conditions hampering foreign trade and advantages of Japan—Encl's report of them Acts of China and Legations reply; also newspaper articles containing Jap. view	8/

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China					
Wm. W. Rockhill	E&MM. 785.	355	July 21	Anti-American boycott in China—reports conversation at the F.O. regarding the proclamation of the Chinese Consul General at San Francisco, and denies having declared himself satisfied with the explanations then given, as alleged in Chinese note enclosed in Dept's No. 151 of June 13.	9/5.
		356	" 25	Publication—Returns of Trade and Trade Reports, 1905—transmits part III of Vol I of—	9/5
	786	357	" 25	Passport Fees—Inquiry from Consul General at Hankow in regard to price of Consular stamps and Legation's reply submitted—	9/5
		Tel	" 26	Legation Guards—"I am informed it is proposed to abolish—this is unnecessary & impracticable."	7/26
	386	358	" 30	Meeting of Military Surgeons at Buffalo—Ho-Nan-Yamen will attend as delegate	8/28
For. Rels. 06.		Tel.	" 30	Indemnities for loss of life and property—"At Kiukiang Boat Road Guild subscribed ten thousand taels" &c.	7/30
For. Rels. 06.	788.	359	" 31	Customs Service of China—Apprehensions expressed in 327 have been confirmed by the precedent action of the High Commissioners which foreboded extravagance in expenditures and distrust of financial returns and statements. This opinion is not shared by the British Legation but freely expressed in pvt. letter of late Inspector Gen'l, Sir Robert Hart.	9/5
			" 31	Tientsin Indemnity—Confirms telegrams re settlement of—	
		360	" 31	Trade Report by Juleen H. Arasel "Decline of the China Sea Trade"—a remedy suggested	
	787	361	" 31	Chinese Students in Japan—reports on the increasing numbers of; the peculiar methods of quick tuition and the revolutionary tendencies manifested by the students on their return. Newspaper articles on the subject enclosed.	9/5
		362	" 31	Publication—Returns of Trade and Trade Reports, part II, Vols 3, 4 & 5—2 copies of, enclosed.	9/5
	929	363	" 31	Rehabilitation of Major Chu Ching-lan—Acts 116 and encl's report from Cons. Gen'l at Kiukiang giving the information desired—	9/5
For. Rels. 06.	(561) 143.	364	" 31	"Open door" in Manchuria—conversation with new Jap. Min. to China, Hayashi—reveals strong desire on his part to cooperate with the Amer. Legation—chief obstacle lies in the apparent endeavor of the Chinese authorities to restrict treaty rights in Manchuria—Encl's Memo. of conversation & newspaper articles on trade conditions in Manchuria.	9/5.
		365	" 31		
For. Rels. 06.	788.	365	" 31	Customs service in China (In confirmation of views expressed in 359) Calls attention to the good effects of foreign management of the native customs at Canton—encloses an editorial of the North China Daily News on the subject—	9/5
For. Rels. 06.		Tel.	Aug 4	Riots at Lienchow, Claims on account of—Agreement between Con. Gen'l. at Canton, and Viceroy.	
		Tel	" 6	Student Interpreter. "On arrival Berghol Canton may Hemtzleman come here to take place of Hawkins while the latter abroad on leave in the U.S."	
	893	366	" 1	Chinese Certificates—Encl's note from the F.O. rel to alleged arrangement with Legation at Washington	
	1004.	367	" 7	Legation Guard at Peking. Alarmist comments rel. to rumored increase of. Opinion of diplomatic corps adverse to unnecessarily strong guards.	9/17
	167	368	" 7	Riots at Lienchow, Claims of missionaries on acct. of. Encloses report from Con. Gen'l. at Canton covering correspondence with the Viceroy in re, also note of French Min'r rel. to practice of his government in regard to exemplary damages in like cases.	9/17
	788.	369	" 9	Customs service under the direct control of the Chinese Gov't. Encloses two clippings entitled "The Foreigners in China", discussing both aspects of the question.	9/17
For. Rels. 06.	143.	370	" 9	Manchuria, Open door policy in, Japan's attitude toward, Encloses published interviews of Viscount Hayashi Jap. Min for For. Aff. reaffirming said policy	9/17
For. Rels. 06.	1080.	371	" 9	Shanghai, Foreign settlement in, Encls. notes to the Wai-wu-pu, by the legation, & Am. Min. protesting against restrictions rel. to the development of settlement. &c	9/17
	903. 903	372	" 9	Consular Buildings in China. Encloses estimates by the various consulates. Treasury Architect Jas. H. Neely. Unsuitability of, to superviso construction of consular buildings.	9/17
	1076.	373	" 10	Cable rates between China & the U.S. Recommends arrangement for special rates on official telegrams.	9/17
		Tel	" 13.	Passport fees. Consuls inquire whether under the new law passport fee for which they must affix receipt stamps should be still remitted to the legation, also whether unofficial passports fee shall be collected.	7/13.
		Tel	" 13.	Warships at Canton. Request of Free Consul General that some other ship than the "Helena" be sent to relieve the Wilmington there.	9/13
	252	374	" 13	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and quotes tel from the Free Consul	7/14

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China				
Wm. W. Rockhill, Chargé. For. Rels. 06. 1184.	375.	Aug 15.	Shanghai. Mixed Court Regulations. Enc: reply of F.O. to foreign note referred to in "315" and additional regulations proposed by Chinese Govt, reply of the Dip. Corps objecting to certain articles and submitting a final counter-draft	9/24
	Tel	" 14.	Claim on account of the Liuchow riots. "I just learn by tel. from Acting Consul Canton that Lay accuses the Viceroy in an interview he would advise you and Presbyterian Mission to refund Liuchow compensation on account of poverty of the people The Viceroy in a note July 20th accuses Lay of breach faith. I do not regard the matter as important if the final settlement is to be in Peking. I think refunding money very impolitic and not advisable."	9/18
167.	376	" 15	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. Encloses report of Vice Consul General and letter of Viceroy of Canton to Consul General Lay.	9/24
For. Rels. 06. 143	377	" 15	Antung Opening of, to foreign trade. Enc's two notes to F.O. urging the establishment of Custom Houses at Antung.	9/24
561	378	" 15	Manchuria. Open door policy in. Refs to Dept tel of Aug 10 and discusses at length the situation and prospects as well as the attitude of the three powers. Russia, Japan and China	9/24
143	379	" 15	Antung. Commercial facilities and prospects. Report of German Vice Consul at Chemulpo on the subject forwarded	9/24
For. Rels. 06. 406	Tel	" 17	Trade mark regulations. Substance of replies from Tientsin and Shanghai as to rights acquired under tentative Regulations. Advises acceptance of German proposal	9/17
903.	380	" 24.	Consular buildings in China. Report from Chungking.	10/8
For. Rels. 06. 167	381	" 28.	Claims on account of the Liuchow massacre. Enc: Draft agreement for the settlement of, to be submitted to the T.O. on Aug 21.	10/8
For. Rels. 06. 774	382	" 29	Opening trade in China. Refs: "161 Rev Hampton Collins will be instructed to visit Mukden for T.O. Difficulties that stand in the way of successful opening of the trade	10/18.
For. Rels. 06. 1518.	383	" 29.	Reforms in China. Enc's decree appointing a Committee to examine and report upon the recommendations of the Commissioners sent abroad to investigate methods of government; gives names and indicates qualifications of the members of the Committee	10/8.
For. Rels. 06. 143	Tel	" 30	Open door in Manchuria. Chinese Govt will not fix date of opening of Antung & Mukden and has not even approached the Russian Legation on the subject of Customs fences on the Russian frontier. "Inst. Change has asked that Mukden & Newchwang & Hueport & Antung should make similar demand	9/30
For. Rels. 06. 406	384.	" 30	Trade Mark Regulations. Informs tel. of Aug 17. and offers additional reasons why these should yield	10/18.
		" 30	Customs Gazette transmitted.	10/1
	Tel.	" 30.	Tsing Tau. "Your No. 165 has been received. Should not negotiation Consul Tsing Tau be asked of the German Govt"	10/8.
For. Rels. 06. 143.	Tel	Sept 5.	Open door in Manchuria. Russian Min. has telegraphed his Govt recommending autonomy be given at earliest possible date Chinese authorities establish Customs North Manchuria. Chinese F.O. assures me it's doing everything in power settle promptly Customs question Manchuria"	
For. Rels. 06. 143. (531)	385.	" 3	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and reports conversation with Tang Shao-i and Russian Minister	10/4
For. Rels. 06.	386.	" 4	Reforms in China. Refs to 383 and encs two edicts for the preparation of	10/10
	387	" 5.	Postal Savings Banks. Report on in China	10/11
	388	" 6	Manchuria. Conditions in. London Times clippings forwarded	10/11
213.	Tel	" 5.	Legation buildings. "Dep dep No 341. What is allowed the legation for repairs for the present fiscal year"	9/8.
For. Rels. 06. 1584	389	" 6	Status of a Chinese infant adopted by an American citizen. Submits inquiry and opinion given by himself on the subject.	10/11
1571	390	" 6	Consulary of the Whangpoo (Huangpu) Encs newspaper article giving a full history of the.	10/6
1572	391	" 7	Unimpeachable character. J.W. Brown. Suggests that evidence on which letter of recommendation was based be reexamined	10/11

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Wm W. Rockhill, Ten Ill Dis.	392	Sept 8.	Tsinglan. Announced Consul Gracey returned	10/11
774	393	" 8.	Opening trade in China. Shanghai report of Chinese Sec Williams found	10/11
1780	394.	" 12.	Student Interpreters. Recommends that vacancies in the corps be promptly filled	10/22
For. Rels. 06. 143	395	" 12	Open door in Manchuria - Eng note announcing that Mukden, Antung and two other ports in Manchuria are opened to foreign trade	10/22
See Gracey & Tel 757.				
1787	396	" 13.	Governor. General of the Two Kiang and of Yunnan Engd decrees transferring their respective, and expressing satisfaction over the change	10/22
1518	397	" 13.	Reforms. administrative in China. Encs editorials of the Japan Mail on the subject	10/22
Thos W Harkins Am Consul Arrival at his home in Los Angeles Cal. this day reports	Tel	" 11	Military Manoeuvers in China. "Arrangements have been made for Lieut Wood and an officer Engd can only be received as an ordinary observer. It is impossible to do more. They should arrive Peking Oct 17th and bring saddles, also mounts if possible. As only three persons can go it would be much better if Lieut Wood went alone with Leonard Mil. Att and interpreter as third. Advise me promptly if satisfactory"	10/22
Tel Oct 20. Your tel of 17th Chinese Govt have no objection Dougherty named Attaché in	398	" 14.	Tea Trade in China. Duplicate of report in "260 forwarded	10/22
Tel. Oct 21. Ref to your despatch of Aug 21st Am Consul Minister sails for Japan to day. Jones left in charge	Tel	" 17	Harbin. "Fisher, Consul at Harbin, wishes to proceed to Port Harbin is not opened to international trade under the treaty between China and Japan but I see China agreed to open it as soon as possible after the evacuation must end, I cannot ask for recognition. He could better act only unofficially."	9/17
543.	399	" 19	Military manoeuvres. Refers to tel. of Oct 11 and encs note from military Council explaining that not more than three representatives of each nation could be admitted	11/5
For. Rels. 06. 774	400.	" 21	Opium trade. Refers to "398 and encs edict vg the abolishment of opium smoking in China within ten years.	11/5
2106	401	" 21.	Army of China. Encs article of the London Times contradicting impression abroad as to the efficiency of the	11/5
1576.	402	" 21.	Seal of Dept. tel. of this date	11/5
	403	" 24.	"171 asked.	11/5
	404	" 24 "170 asked		11/5
	405	" 25	Tsinglan. Asks that Circular of Mar 28 be sent to the Consulate at	11/5
167	406	" 25	Claims re d/c of the Liaotung massacre. Though claimed over the indemnity demanded was expressed in taels instead of American dollars in the draft agreement. FO has been advised of the error	11/5
2112	407	" 26	Financial Questions. Encs Chinese Secretary Williams' report on changes in the fiscal arrangements of China and comments on the striking disparity between the known revenues and expenditures of the Empire	11/5
2111	408	" 26.	Boxer disturbance at Tso-yun, Shansi. Encs Rev W. P. Hoagues report on, and legation's note transmitting it to the FO.	11/5
903.	409	" 28.	Consulate buildings. Accommodations for Immigration Officers in. Encs replies to "162 from Amoy, Shanghai, Canton ~~Hongkong~~	11/5
903.	410.	" 28	Same subject. Encs additional report from Newchwang.	11/5
1572	411	" 28	Disreputable character. Refers to "391 and encs tel. from J H Brown denying his American citizenship	11/5
167	412	" 28.	Claims re d/c of the Liaotung massacre. Encs note to FO urging prompt compliance with the draft agreement	11/5
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 28.	Open door in Manchuria. "I duly made representations concerning suspension of Customs Newchwang. FO. answered me shortly before the Duke. impossible to act as requested, the revenue Newchwang Customs pledged to powers. Representations by the Brit and myself have hastened general settlement of Customs Manchuria. Russian Min. now informs me his Govt will agree shortly proposals which I telegraphed you Sept 24 the Japanese have hastening Tairen Customs settlement."	11/5
2107	413	" 28	Student Interpreter Hubert L. Bangs. Reports of first annual examination. Encs	11/6
	414.	Oct 3.	Passport Returns for Sept quarter. " "	11/13.
	415	" 3	Mukden. Recognition granted to Consul General Straight	11/5.
2111	416	" 4.	Boxer disturbance at Tso Yun. Encs reply to note in "408 stating measures taken to suppress the	11/5

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Wm W Rockhill, Envoy	417	Oct 6.	Student interpreter Heinrich Hallman has taken up Hawkins' work at the Legation	11/3
167	418	" 6	Claims on a/c of the Liuchow massacre. Rel to 406 and reports his having withdrawn the note making the change from taels to dollars.	11/19
For. Rels. 06. 2821	419	" 6	Manchuria. Short sighted policy of China in failing to take shares in the Southern Manchurian Railway and Timber Cutting Companies & the Yalu and insisting upon placing the Custom Houses in Manchuria under exclusive Chinese management.	11/13
471	420	" 6.	Mining Concession of Anhui. re 172 asked	11/13
230	421	" 6	Indemnity bond. Change in the form of, is deemed undesirable	11/13.
	422	" 9.	Text of Oct 9 from Dept.	11/24.
For. Rels. 06, 2708	423	" 9	Port in Manchuria open to foreign trade. Encs note from FO announcing the opening of Hsin min Fu (or Tung) under the Japanese treaty	11/24.
	424	" 10	Circular of Aug 28 acknd	11/24
788 865	425	" 11	Customs Service of China Encs extract of the London Mail presenting a good statement of the present movement in China as to the control of the	11/24
167	426	" 11.	Claims on account of the Liuchow Massacre Encs correspondence called for in Dept's tel of Oct 8.	11/24.
For. Rels. 06. 557	427	" 11.	Manchuria Discrimination by the Japanese against American interests. The falling off in American trade cannot be charged to, but rather to the undeniable lack of proper authority on the part of shippers and to the diversion of trade into other channels.	11/24
Tel Nov 1. Tyler has sent information to Dept at Canton that under the decision Sec of War Oct 13 last year Chinese Actors formerly admitted Philippine Islands from lowest class of Chinese Society regarded criminals under Chinese law their descendants barred from holding office or taking official examinations three generations. Many of this most undesirable class of Chinese are now entering Philippine Islands from Canton & Amoy.	903	428	" 11 Circular Buildings in China. Report from Hongkong fwd	11/24
	883	429	" 12 Traveling Expenses under the new law. Requests information and offers suggestions in regard to the, of Student interpreters	11/24.
	Tel	" 13	Open door in Manchuria. "My tel of Sept 28. Have been informed by Russian Minister his Govt has agreed opening of railroad frontier Customs by the Chinese. Await particulars of details with the Chinese Govt	11/13.
	2721	430	" 13. Cross. Restriction in the. Reports the arrest and deportation of editors of two obnoxious newspapers and Encs restrictive regulations issued on that occasion	11/24
	Tel	" 15	Chargé d'affaires ad int. "I recommend Coolidge remain in charge during my leave even if Moore arrives in the meantime. Still avoid complication".	11/13
	2706	431	" 15 Same subject. Confirms the foregoing and gives reasons for sending it	11/24
	167	432	" 17 Claims on a/c of the Liuchow Massacre. Encs note urging immediate settlement	11/24.
For. Rels. 06.	2648	433	" 17. Mining Regulations of China. Encs two notes warning the Chinese Govt that they must be submitted to their Govt before being put into effect	11/24.
Thos W Harkins, Asst Ch Sig		" 18	Arrival at his home in Los Angeles Cal this day reported.	12/13
John Gardner Coolidge, Chargé	Tel	" 21	Departure of Min Rockhill on leave. "Ref to your despatch of Aug 21st Amb Mission sails for Japan today. I am left in charge"	12/13
	434	" 23	Same subject. Confirms the foregoing. Legation will be turned over to Chargé Moore on his arrival	12/8.
	3065	435.	" 23 Citizenship of Hon Ching a Chinaman born in Hawaii. Legation refused to issue passport except on production of proof that Hon was a citizen of Hawaii on Aug 12 1898.	12/8.
	436.	" 24	Muskeen. Recognition granted to Vice Cons. Fairchild at	12/8.
	437	" 25.	Accounts. Reports difficulty experienced in complying with Aud Gen's requirement in regard to dating of vouchers and drawing of drafts.	12/8.
	Tel	" 30.	Naval Attaché Chinese Govt has no objection to designation of Langhorne at	10/30.
	438	Nov 1	Legation new buildings. Final statement of account rendered	12/8.
	Tel	" 1	Chinese Actors in the Philippines. "The Legation has received information from Consul General at Canton that under the decision Sec of War Oct 13th last year Chinese Actors admitted Philippine Islands. Actors from lowest class of Chinese society, regarded as criminals under Chinese law. Their descendants barred from holding office or taking official examinations three generations. Many of this most undesirable class of Chinese are now entering Philippine Islands from Canton and Amoy."	11/
	439	" 6	Chinese Certificates of Exemption claims. Encs note to FO in accordance with Dept's 190.	11/24
	440	" 7	Chinese Actors in the Philippines. Confirms tel of Nov 1 and encs despatches from Canton and Amoy under subject, and further reports that this affords an easy means of smuggling Chinese prostitutes into the Islands.	12/24

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China				
John Gardner Coolidge, Chargé	1189	Nov. 7	Consular General at Large. Recognition granted by China as decreed in Circ. of Aug 24th	12/29
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 7	Reforms. "Important edicts are being issued changing structure of the Govt preparing the way for constitutional Govt. among the changes five ministries are to be abolished with boards, each board to have one responsible head. New board of communications created controlling the postal service, telegraph service, railways, steamships. Two councils to be appointed, one to receive expressions of public opinion and deliberate thereon, one to consider national budget"	
For. Rels. 06.	Tel	" 8	Same subject. "My tel of yesterday. Edict promises no distinction in appointments between Manchus and Chinese. Reorganization leaves twenty high official temporarily out of office and necessitates many transfers. The only change in F.O. transfer of T'ang Shao-i to the new Ministry new Board Communications, replaced by the present Min London. General reduction staffs of boards. Edict is regarded as a compromise between progressive and conservative elements. Special Commission continues and will direct its attention to reforming provincial service."	
442	" 8.		Cipher orders 142 and 143 for the Consulates at Harbin and Vladivostok have been returned to the Legation and will be kept until an opportunity of safe transmission to the Dept offers.	12/29
443	" 8.		Opium trade matters in East. Reports annual and favorable reception at the F.O. of Rev Tariff	12/29
444.	" 12		Salaries of clerks of the Legation and Student Interpreter. Inadequacy of the present, represented on the basis of the rise in the value of silver and increased cost of living.	12/29
445	" 12		Illegitimacies and evasions at the Chinese F.O. Reports representations made in person on regarding.	12/29
446	" 13		Indemnity Payment of. Question raised in regard to retiring an instalments held on account of the sinking fund being allowed yearly instead of half yearly discussed and submitted to the Dept's consideration. Encl. corres.	12/29
447	" 13		Salaries of Chinese Secretaries. Increase of both the $ 5000 and 3000 respectively urged	12/29
448	" 15		Chinese Minister to Germany. Appointment and antecedents of Heng Kwan discussed	12/29
449	" 15		Remarks on account of the Lien Chow massacre. Encl. note to F.O. urging immediate settlement. Re to Dept's tel of Nov. 13.	12/29
450	" 15		Cable rates between China and the U.S. The Chinese Telegraph Service refuses to grant reduced rates and the American Cable Co. will only refund at the end of every month the amount collected in excess. Suggests that the matter be taken up at Washington with the Cable Company. Encl. corres. R. to 189.	12/29
451	" 16.		Citizenship and Naturalization. Reply to Circ. of July 9.	12/29
Chas W. Hackett asst Chin. Sec. 2520.	—	" 16	Local allowance. Extension of 30 days requested	11/22
John Gardner Coolidge, Chargé	452	" 16.	Reforms. Encl edicts referred to in Legation's tel. of Nov 7 and 8 and summary prepared on this subject by Chargé Mr Williams.	12/29
453	" 20		Meat. Revocation of preservatives in. No law in regard to the, in China Re to Circ of Sept 20.	12/29
454	" 20		Chinese Interpreters of the Consular Classes. Encl reply of F.O. to note in 439 accompanying a list of Chinese Dep. and Con Officers abroad whom it is proposed to authorize to secure the, and his reply, making certain objections thereto. Whole will be submitted by the Legation when returning.	12/29
455	" 21.		Swatow. Establishment of a Consular Agency at. In reply to Dept's 193 submits facts and figures which seem to make this desirable	12/29
456	" 22		Shanghai Mixed Court regulations. Two changes proposed by the Chinese Govt and one by the British Minister. Encl note from the F.O. with comments by Chargé Mr Williams.	12/29
457	" 22		Indemnity new bond has been signed by the Chinese representatives and the American delegate with Banker's Commission.	12/29
Thos Ewing Moore, Chargé	458.	" 23	Legation this day turned over to Mr Thomas Ewing Moore.	12/29
	Tel	" 23	Arrival at Post. "Have taken charge of the Legation today".	11/23
	459	" 24	Confirms the foregoing.	12/29
	460	" 24	Consular Buildings in China. Report from Hankow transmitted	12/29
	461	" 24.	Open door in Manchuria. Refers to 195 and surmises that in view of tels. of Oct 3 additional	12/29
			pressure is not desired	